

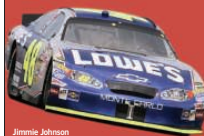
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'Come out and fight us like men'

The Apache Troop wanted to goad the Taliban in the southern Afghan mountains into fighting. Taunts of 'Take off your burqas' succeeded beyond their wildest dreams.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Divorce from father: A New Hampshire boy who won a groundbreaking legal battle to "divorce" his murderer father has launched a quest to recover his mother's ashes. The Patriot Ledger of Quincy, Mass., reported Sunday.

Patrick Holland, 14, wants the ashes of his mother, Elizabeth Holland, who was fatally shot in their Quincy apartment in 1998. Elizabeth Holland's father, Robert McCrocklin, of Fairfax, Va., the administrator of his daughter's estate, has kept her ashes since she was cremated in 1998.

West Nile virus: A 75-year-old man died from the mosquito-borne West Nile virus, becoming California's second fatality linked to the illness, officials said Sunday.

Morris Sternberg died Saturday "as a result of complications from the virus," San Bernardino County Deputy Coroner Randy Emon said.

West Nile has sickened more than 260 people across the nation this year, and resulted in six deaths, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Western wildfires: Firefighters let about 100 people return to their homes after making progress Sunday against a central Washington wildfire believed to have been set by a serial arsonist.

The fire, which started Friday, had been estimated at 600 acres but better mapping Sunday night showed it at 370 acres with 50 percent containment, said Cindy Reichelt, an incident information officer. Residents returned on Sunday.

Elsewhere in central Washington, a group of three fires west of Lake Chelan burned Sunday, growing to 38,060 acres. In south-western Utah, two wildfires were slowed by a morning rain storm, but had burned nearly 40,000 acres by Sunday.

World

Bobby Fischer: Former world chess champion Bobby Fischer, who has been fighting deportation to the United States, has formally asked Tokyo for asylum, an adviser said Monday.

The American chess player, wanted by U.S. authorities for playing a 1992 match in the former Yugoslavia in violation of international sanctions, was granted a three-day extension Friday to appeal Japan's decision last week to deport him.

In the United States he would face up to 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000, officials say.

Montenegro, where Fischer played the match, is willing to offer him asylum if he asks, an official said Monday.

Russian oil fight: A Moscow court ruled Monday that the Yukos oil company does not have to pay a \$223 million penalty to bailiffs trying to collect back taxes, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The fee was levied on July 9 after Yukos



Cancer victim dies: Alexandra Scott, who had an aggressive form of childhood cancer called neuroblastoma, works at a lemonade stand in June 2002 in Wynnewood, Pa. Alexandra started a lemonade stand to raise money for cancer research, sparking a nationwide campaign that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars. She died Sunday at age 8, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.



failed to meet the deadline for payment of a \$3.4 billion tax bill for the year 2000.

Russian law allows bailiffs to levy fines of 7 percent of the amount they are collecting if payment is not made within the prescribed time.

Taiwan independence: China's No. 2 leader warned visiting U.S. senators Monday that the Beijing government would never allow Taiwan to be independent, state television reported.

Wu Jiaoguo, who is chairman of China's legislature, said the Taiwan question is the most sensitive issue in U.S.-China relations, the report said. He said Washington must abide by the one-China policy, which opposes formal independence for the self-ruled island, it added.

Belgium explosion toll: Belgium would hold a national day of mourning on Wednesday when the first of the 17 victims of last week's massive gas pipeline explosion will be buried. The death toll included three French nationals and three Italians, officials said Monday.

One person died late Sunday, raising the toll from 16. Four people remain missing after Friday's blast at an industrial park south of the capital.

U.N. Sudan resolution: Sudan's foreign minister called the U.N. Security Council's 30-day deadline for action on Darfur "illogical," saying Sunday the country instead would implement a 90-day program agreed to earlier with Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Friday's Security Council resolution gave Sudan 30 days to disarm Arab militia's blamed for the deaths of thousands of black

Africans in the vast western Darfur region or face diplomatic and economic penalties.

An estimated 30,000 people have been killed in the 17-month conflict and 1 million have been forced to flee their homes.

War on terror

Kuwait grenade attack: Attorneys for a paratrooper charged in the grenade attack that killed two fellow soldiers say they need more time to develop a defense.

Sgt. Hasan Akbar, 32, is scheduled for trial Oct. 25 and is scheduled to enter pleas Sept. 7 to two counts of premeditated murder and three counts of attempted murder. Akbar was charged after the March 22, 2003, deaths of the two 101st Airborne Division soldiers at Camp Pennsylvania, Kuwait.

Guantanamo cases: Two Frenchmen who spent more than two years at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, may sue the United States for damages, their lawyer told Le Parisien.

Lawyer Jacques Debray said he considers the arrest and imprisonment of his clients, Mourad Benchehali and Nizar Sassi, illegal.

Moroccans released: Five Moroccans detained at the U.S. military camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were turned over to authorities in their home country, Morocco's official news agency MAP reported Monday.

The men, who were arrested during the U.S.-led war that toppled Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban regime, arrived in the North African kingdom on Sunday, the MAP news agency said, citing a prosecutor. The five were handed to justice officials.

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Correction

In Sunday's editions, a caption accompanying a photograph of a soldier practicing his roping skills did not contain the photographer's name. The photograph was taken by Maj. Cindi Feldwisch.

Clarification

A story in Sunday editions contained misleading information. In the court-martial case of Navy Capt. Roger D. Edwards, found guilty Friday of wearing service medals and ribbons he did not rate, the Bureau of Naval Personnel or the Marine Corps Department of Manpower and Reserve Affairs has the final decision to which retirement benefits Edwards is entitled.

Messages of Support

I would like to send a message out to my husband stationed at Camp Virginia, Kuwait. To Italian, We Miss You! And Hope For Your Safe Return Home. We're Thinking Of You Everyday And Send You All Our Love - Wendy and Tyler

D. Rowe JR.
Hi from your Aunt Kathy and Uncle Norm! We miss you and love you. You are in our prayers. We await your safe return home. Thanks for everything you are doing!!!! We're proud of your your buddies!

★ Dear Son. I want you to know that I am so very proud of you. Stay Safe and may God Bless and keep you and your fellow service men and women safe. Love you and am with you in heart every step of the way. Proud Mama Mom. Semper Fi

Frightened Christians try to leave Iraq after bombings of churches

By JAMIE TARABAY
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Wissam Sagman has already tried unsuccessfully to leave the country, fearing his Christian family would not be safe in the new, chaotic Iraq.

Now, after a series of bombings at churches across the country on Sunday, his fear of his neighbors has grown and he plans to redouble his efforts to get out.

"These people, they love blood. They hate humanity," they hate us."

They hate humanity," they hate us."

"They want all the Christians to leave."

The coordinated attacks hit four churches in Baghdad and one in Mosul, killing at least seven people and wounding dozens more in the first significant strike on Iraq's minority Christians since the U.S. invasion last year.

Iraqi leaders condemned the violence Monday, trying to quell Christian fears they were being targeted from the country. Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most senior Shiite cleric, called the attacks "heinous crimes."

Iraq's 750,000 Christians have grown ever anxious at the rise of Islamic fundamentalism since the ouster of Saddam Hussein last year.

Hundreds have fled to neighboring Jordan and Syria.

"This is my church! My

church!" Thomas George, 73, cried, shaking his walking stick outside a Syrian Catholic church in Baghdad that was among those targeted Sunday.

Muslim neighbors tried to console George and Tarek Kidr, another church-goer.

One, Sadek Rabi, said Muslims and Christians were both facing the same violence.

"A Muslim can't go to a mosque and a Christian can't go to church now," said 32-year-old Rabi, recalling attacks in recent months on Muslim sites of worship that have killed hundreds.

No group claimed responsibility for Sunday's attacks.

Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh vowed authorities would hunt down those responsible.

"The interim government of Iraq is united in condemning all acts of terrorism and is determined to use all available force, both Iraqi and those of multinational forces in Iraq, to pursue and destroy the people who plan and carry out such atrocities," Saleh told reporters.

The religious leaders unanimously denounced the bombings.

The Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential Sunni Muslim group believed to have links to insurgents, issued a statement offering condolences to the victims and blaming foreign fighters for trying to instigate sectarian fighting.

"Targeting churches is another type of effort aimed at damaging Iraqi unity," the group said. "Such acts cannot be done by Iraqis."

U.S., loyalists clash

NAJAF, Iraq — U.S. forces fought Monday with gunmen protecting radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's house in clashes that killed one woman and wounded three others in the Iraqi holy city of Najaf.

The U.S. military had no immediate comment.

At least six U.S. military vehicles entered the Zahra area in Najaf near al-Sadr's house, which is protected by his militia, the Mahdi Army, witnesses said.

Barrages of gunfire and mortar rounds set cars on fire before Iraqi police intervened and the U.S. forces withdrew, witnesses said.

Arrest in Pole's death

WARSAW, Poland — Polish and Iraqi forces on Monday captured two men suspected of involvement in an attack that killed a Polish soldier and wounded eight others last week, a military spokesman said.

During the operation, Iraqi police and members of the Iraqi Na-

tional Guard, backed up by Polish troops, detained eight men and seized a cache of grenades, mortar and ammunition, said Maj. Krzysztof Plazuk, a spokesman for the Polish-led multinational force in south-central Iraq.

Two of them probably have a connection with the terrorist attack on the Polish patrol last Thursday, Plazuk said.

Sunni Muslim detained

BAGHDAD — U.S. troops on Monday detained a prominent member of an influential Sunni Muslim group believed to have links to insurgents, officials of the group said.

Dr. Muthanna Harith al-Dhawi, information director for The Association of Muslim Scholars, was detained along with two of his guards, said Hassan Jumaa, an official of the group's information office.

Al-Dhawi was returning home when he was detained by U.S. troops just after midnight.

It was not clear why al-Dhawi was detained and the U.S. military had no immediate comment.

From The Associated Press



A Turkish woman looks at electronic goods at a shop in Istanbul, Turkey, on Monday as a video showing the execution of a Turkish hostage in Iraq appears on a private TV channel. After the slaying, the Turkish truckers association announced that it will no longer transport goods bound for U.S. forces in Iraq.

Gunsmen kill Turkish hostage; Turkish truckers to pull out

By RAVI NESSMAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Masked gunmen shot a blindfolded Turkish contractor three times in the head in a gruesome Internet video meant to warn Muslim workers to stay out of Iraq. Soon after the video was discovered Monday, Turkish truckers announced they would stop hauling goods for U.S. forces in hopes of saving two other Turkish hostages.

The U.S. State Department condemned the killing as "a heinous and barbarous act."

"It is a tragic reminder that there are those elements in Iraq that are bent on thwarting the will of the vast majority of the Iraqi people," said spokesman Adam Ereli.

The truckers' decision was another victory for militants who have taken more than 70 foreigners hostage as leverage to drive coalition forces and anyone supporting them out of the country.

The 15-month-old violent insurgency has been marked by bombings, assassinations, mortar attacks and other violence intended to destabilize the country, hamper reconstruction efforts and drive out coalition forces.

In recent weeks, militants, buoyed by the Philippines' decision to pull its troops out of Iraq to save the life of a Filipino truck driver — have intensified their kidnapping efforts in a drive to scare foreign contractors and truck drivers out of the country.

A few companies have complied, and several countries — including the Philippines, Bulgaria, Kenya and Egypt — have warned their citizens not to work here.

In light of the execution-style slaying of the Turkish worker, Turkey's truckers association said Monday it was immediately halting deliveries to U.S. forces in Iraq in hopes of freeing two Turkish drivers also being held hostage.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 909 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 674 died as a result of hostile action and 235 died of non-hostile causes. The department did not provide an update Sunday.

The British military has reported 60 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 771 U.S. servicemen have died — 565 as a result of hostile action and 206 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defense Department on Friday.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command: ■ One soldier assigned to the 1st Infantry Division was killed Sunday in an explosion near Samarra.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No new identifications reported.

Turkish-Iraqi business council, said he did not expect the move to have a major impact and thought Turkish drivers could hand off shipments to Iraqi drivers at the border.

In another apparent victory for the militants, Tawhid and Jihad said Monday it would free a Somali truck driver in response to his Kuwaiti company's pledge to stop working in Iraq. Al-Jazeera television reported.

The group released a video July 29 threatening to behead Ali Ahmed Moussa within 48 hours if his company, which was never identified, did not withdraw from Iraq.

According to Al-Jazeera, the group said it was releasing Moussa "in appreciation of the attitudes of the Somali government and people toward Iraq and the Kuwaiti company's commitment to stop doing business in Iraq."

Associated Press writer Louis Melier in Amman, Jordan, contributed to this report.

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Franks book gives backstory for war

BY PATRICK DICKSON
AND LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The United States will have troops in Iraq and Afghanistan for three to five years, retired Gen. Tommy Franks told reporters Monday during a teleconference to mark the release of his new book, "American Soldier."

As the commander of U.S. Central Command, Franks was the chief architect of war strategy in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It will take up to five years to train and equip the Iraqi military and security forces, but the number of Iraqis signing up is encouraging, he said.

"When you look at the number of Iraqis signing on to the nation's security forces, [it's] about 200,000 now," he said. "As the stability increases, U.S. troop involvement will begin to come down."

And it takes time to solve the problems of 25 million people, Franks said, noting that the media continue to ignore the fact that power is distributed throughout the country, that 32,000 teachers have been trained and that 9 million textbooks are now available in Iraqi schools.

But he remained optimistic: "I believe the security situation will improve ... beginning perhaps in six to eight months," Franks said. Franks discussed several items in the book, including his assertions that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is effective but too controlling in his management style, that the Iraq war was not planned directly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and that it was his idea for President Bush to land on the USS Abraham Lincoln to declare an end to "major combat operations" in Iraq.

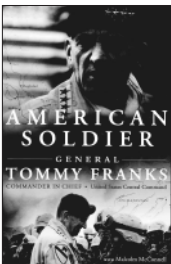
President Bush needed to acknowledge the "service and sacrifice" of U.S. troops on the ground in Iraq, Franks wrote, and noted Monday that the United States needed to signal coalition partners not willing to have combat troops in Iraq that a new phase had begun, and these nations' postcombat capabilities would be welcomed. Franks said he regretted the "unintended consequences" of his suggestion.

The event "was not so everyone could have a victory lap," he said.

Franks disputed former anti-terrorism adviser Richard Clarke's assertion that Bush was fixated on Iraq immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

"That isn't the case," Franks said. Bush "didn't ask me in the days following 9/11" to start preparing for battle against Saddam Hussein.

It was not until shortly after Thanksgiving 2001 — after the fall of the Taliban — that Rumsfeld contacted Franks "and asked us to dust off our Iraq plans," Franks said.



Regan Books

Retired Gen. Tommy Franks spoke to reporters on the eve of the release of his book, "American Soldier."

Egypt denies claim

CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt on Monday denied remarks by retired Gen. Tommy Franks that President Hosni Mubarak told him that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

"Such a claim is void of truth," Egyptian presidential spokesman Magad Abdel Fattah told the official Middle East News Agency.

In an interview with Parade magazine to promote his book, "American Soldier," Franks recalled that both Mubarak and Jordan's King Abdullah told him two months before the Iraq war that Saddam had chemical and biological weapons.

In Jordan, a Royal Palace official who refused to be identified said: "His Majesty did not have information that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction."

In its Sunday edition, Parade quoted Franks — who led the U.S.-led war against Iraq — as saying that Mubarak told him Saddam would use the weapons against American troops in case of war.

"What happened was that Franks asked the president for an assessment of reports on Iraq's possession of WMDs, and the president simply said that Egypt had been following the developments in Iraq, but it could not confirm whether Iraq possessed any weapons of mass destruction or whether these could be used against U.S. forces in case of U.S. military interference in Iraq," Abdel Fattah said.

From The Associated Press

Even as the Afghanistan operation was under way, Franks said he was frustrated by the continuing attacks against U.S. aircraft monitoring the no-fly zones in Iraq.

Rumsfeld's request "certainly didn't chagrin me," he said.

Rumsfeld did "chagrin" Franks with his intrusive management style, on occasion.

"You have to give people more ownership. I think he could be more user-friendly," Franks said. "But you have to give him credit for being very effective."

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In Afghanistan, Apache Troop makes battle come to them

Psyops unit baits Taliban to come out, fight like men

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE TIGER, Afghanistan — Frustrated that Taliban fighters were making themselves scarce, cavalry commander Capt. Brian Peterson ordered his psychological operations detachment to find a way to get the enemy onto the battlefield.

Their solution: shame. The soldiers drove into the mountainous region of southern Afghanistan near Tarin Kowt, a known Taliban stronghold, and blared through Humvee-mounted loudspeakers a simple message.

"Take off your burqas," Afghan interpreters shouted, referring to the head-to-toe powder blue shrouds Taliban leaders once forced all women in the country to wear. "Come out and fight us like men."

Peterson, commander of the 25th Infantry Division's Hawaii-based 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment's Apache Troop, had heard of Special Forces units using similar schoolyard tactics to dishonor local insurgents into a fight and figured it couldn't hurt to try.

He knew Taliban fighters were out there. Local villagers were being threatened to stay away from U.N. voter registration efforts for the country's Oct. 9 presidential elections.

It didn't take long to get an answer to Peterson's cantankerous call to arms. Within hours, an angry ambush was unleashed, a heavy fusillade of automatic weapons fire raining down from two sides as his patrol moved through a steep valley.

"The bullets were zinging within a few inches of my head, I could actually feel their heat," said 50-caliber machine gunner Spc. Michael Plummer, 25, from Klamath Falls, Ore.

He was astounded. After four months in Afghanistan, this was Apache Troop's first contact with the enemy.

"I couldn't believe they were actually shooting at us," said Plummer.

Pushing his patrol of Humvees through the ambush kill zone, Peterson turned his men around and charged back into the fray.

"We weren't going to run from those punks," said Peterson. "We chased them up the mountain."

After a 45-minute gunfight, four Afghan guerrillas lay dead and another four were captured.

None of Peterson's men were injured.

"We're pretty sure we got more, but they carry their dead away," said Peterson.

It's hard to tell how many escaped, he said, adding "they can run, but they'll only die tired."

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Hope, possibility and achievement



BRUCE ZILSDORF/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Members of the New York Fire Department pose Sunday with soldiers recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq just before the start of the Second Annual Achilles Hope & Possibility 5-Mile Run/Walk in Central Park. More than 30 soldier-amputees from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., ran, walked or rode handcrank bicycles or wheelchairs and were supported throughout by the firefighters and the almost 2,000 participants. Staff Sgt. Humbert Caesar was the first soldier to wheel to a finish. Caesar, of the 4th Battalion, 27th Infantry from Baumholder, Germany, lost his right leg when the howitzer in which he was riding was hit by an improvised explosive device outside of the Baghdad airport in April.

Financial buildings open under terror threat

Extra security seen at offices in N.Y., D.C., N.J. after warnings

By KATHERINE PFLEGER
SHRADER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Financial institutions identified as targets of a terrorist plot in three cities opened for business Monday under stepped-up security and defiant words from people who said they won't be cowed by the extraordinary intelligence pointing to a potential attack.

Police sealed off some streets in New York, put international-finance employees in Washington through extra security checks, and added barricades and a heavy armed presence in Newark, N.J., in response to a heightened terrorism alert aimed specifically at titans of the financial sector.

Treasury Secretary John Snow, quick to try to reassure investors and Americans generally, said the nation's financial system operated normally in the first week of hours of the code-orange alert.

"People around the world rightly have confidence in the U.S. financial markets," Snow said. "While we must always remain vigilant against terror, we will not be intimidated and prevented from enjoying our lives and exercising our freedoms."

Police checked identity cards as employees filed in to the World Bank headquarters, and guards at its sister institution across the street, the International Monetary Fund, swept the underside of cars with detecting devices as they entered the garage.

"I'm concerned but we have to carry on as normal," said Shirley Davies of Britain, who has worked at the IMF for several years. The bank and the fund are

among the largest employers in Washington, with more than 10,000 people in both buildings, two blocks from the White House.

Along with the international institutions, authorities placed the Citigroup Center building in New York, the New York Stock Exchange and Prudential Financial Inc.'s headquarters in Newark, N.J., under heavy scrutiny after unusually detailed information identified those buildings as terrorism targets, and prompted the government to raise its terrorism alert.

"We are a nation in danger," President Bush said as he met with reporters at the White House to embrace the concept of a new national intelligence czar. "We are doing everything in our power to confront the danger."

New York police closed several streets in midtown Manhattan and banned trucks from bridges and tunnels leading to Wall Street.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. George Pataki rang the opening bell at the stock exchange in a show of confidence in the city's precautions.

"America and New Yorkers are pulling together here, and they're not going to be cowed," Bloomberg said.

A cache of recently obtained information — including hundreds of photos, drawings and written documents — indicates that al-Qaeda is preparing to undertake meticulous preparations to take the five specific buildings.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Sunday raised the terror threat level for financial institutions in the three cities to orange, or high alert, the second highest level on the government's five-point spectrum.



A private security officer checks identification Monday outside of the headquarters of the World Bank in Washington, D.C. The government named the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank buildings in Washington, D.C.; the New York Stock Exchange, along with Citigroup Inc. headquarters, in New York; and the Prudential Financial Inc. building in Newark, N.J., as possible targets terrorists may be planning to strike.

Intelligence described targets in great detail

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government provided details Sunday of new intelligence it had obtained that led to the increased threat level against financial institutions, including several specific buildings.

A senior intelligence official described the details only on condition of anonymity. He said it was the most extraordinary detail he had seen in 24 years of intelligence work.

As examples, the official said the government learned that po-

tential plotters had been accumulating information on:

- The flow of pedestrians outside one building — 14 people per minute midweek on each side of the sidewalks, or 28 per minute.

- Whether some explosive materials might not be hot enough to melt the steel underpinnings of a building, and a reference to what materials might heat to 2,700 degrees.

- Ideas for building reconnaissance, such as the view from a window table at a nearby coffee shop.

- Details about specific security checkpoints inside buildings, including a tidbit that people turned left after passing one particular checkpoint.

- Places to make contact with building employees.

- Construction characteristics of some buildings that might prevent their collapse.

- Locations of police stations, fire departments, schools and hospitals in the vicinity of the targets.

- Changes in day-to-day security, including lessened security on Sundays and days when elevators don't operate.

2nd ID soldiers leave S. Korea for staging area in Kuwait

By FRANKLIN FISHER

Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — The first planeload of 2nd Infantry Division troops deploying from South Korea to Iraq took off Monday in what officials said will be a weeklong airlift operation.

The planes will transport the 3,600 troops of the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team to Kuwait, where they'll pick up tanks, Humvees and other combat equipment before driving into Iraq.

The first of the brigade's troops, each with 60 pounds of gear, began their day around 8 a.m. Monday at the division's Camp Casey in Tongtongchul.

Before being moved to Osan, "they're getting either steak dinner or steak and eggs for breakfast, depending on the time of their flight," said Army Lt. Col. Dave Lee, the division's 1st Signal Battalion Field Artillery Regiment commanding officer. Lee is overseeing the Army's part of the airlift operation.

Staff Sgt. Robert Williamson, 2nd Military Police Company, said his unit "got manifested and things by about 0-three," or 3 a.m. The company's 1st Platoon is deploying with the brigade to Iraq.

By 7 a.m., the first troops boarded buses at Camp Casey and soon were rolling out of the installation, arriving at Osan several hours later. Williamson said. They waited in a spacious, air-conditioned tent near the Air Mobility Command terminal, listening for an Air Force passenger service agent with a clear, firm voice to call them from a flight manifest he held.

Upon hearing their names, soldiers answered "Here." They hefted their gear and made their way through the white tent flaps, out into the hot, sunny day, for a short walk to the waiting buses. The sky overhead was clear blue with scattered clouds.

Sometime after noon, they were at the flight line and boarded a large white 1411 civil aircraft chartered by the U.S. military. Most of this week's airlift will involve charter aircraft, but some military equipment will be put aboard military planes, officials said. Williamson said boarding the aircraft meant a chance at "a lot of sleep — about the only sleep we'll get for two weeks."

Aboard the first aircraft were 191 division troops. Of those, 150 will help unload the brigade's combat equipment from the two ships that sailed from Pusan, South Korea, last month, Lee said.

"They are being sent from the division to help unload their equipment off the ships and then move it to a staging area when the brigade will fly in on the equipment for moving to Iraq," he said.

They'll return eventually to South Korea. But the remaining 41 soldiers will remain deployed in Iraq, Lee said.

Meanwhile, the Air Force has been playing its role. Should aircraft maintenance problems or other glitches cause significant delays, said Maj. David Kretz, commander of the 51st Services Squadron, "we'll bus them to the dining facility, give them a hot meal ... we'll bed them down."

The Air Force also has worked with the base's American Red Cross chapter to provide small comforts in a waiting area set up for the troops, he said. "We're snagging stand-up fans ... grabbing board games, cards, small recreational items to help them stay comfortable ... It's kind of the simple things ... We try to make them feel as comfortable as possible."

Many members of the base community, including dozens of his own squadron's airmen, have volunteered to help. Red Cross staff provide beverages, snacks, recreational items, "help them set up — tables, chairs, things like that," Kretz said.

Williamson called the layout the best he's seen. "The Red Cross setup down there was awesome," he said moments before boarding the plane. "I've been deployed eight times. Not a lot of times when they've got air conditioning and food set up."

Senior Airman Jeffery Turner, 731st Air Mobility Squadron, was working this week as airlift ground liaison between the Air Force and the brigade troops. He's present with the soldiers at a secure holding area set up for them on base, and reads their names from the flight manifest before they board buses for the flight line.

Waiting around can make soldiers "antsy," and a calm, patient outlook is important in working with them, he said.

"First thing, you gotta be really patient, be ready to adjust, because things always change. Take one thing at a time," said Turner. "Because these troops, they've had to wait. They're anxious, obviously, about where they're going. They said goodbye to their families for however long."

And, Turner added after a moment, "The most rewarding part of my job is seeing these troops come home to their families."

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EUCOM chief of staff takes fond look back

Sylvester praised at retirement ceremony

BY CHARLIE COON
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — When asked what made him most proud about his career, Army Lt. Gen. John B. Sylvester promptly answered: "I never served a single (permanent duty) day in the Pentagon."

He served, however, in Vietnam, the Balkans and Iraq and won a set of medals including a Silver Star and two Bronze Stars. "I've always been wherever the soldiers were," Sylvester said, "because they're the ones who do our business."

On Monday, Sylvester, the chief of staff of the U.S. European Command, was honored in a 30-minute ceremony at Patch Barracks to commemorate his retirement. Sylvester was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal at the event, but mostly he was paid respect for a lifetime of military service.

During his remarks, Sylvester broke down as he recounted acts of military heroism, from the War of 1812's battle cry of "Don't give up the ship" to the planting of the American flag at Iwo Jima.

He then pulled a tan handkerchief out of his pocket, blew his nose and wiped away his tears. "I'm all right now," Sylvester told well-wishers on his way to the reception tent.

"Our emotions are inside us," he said later. "This isn't about machines and technology, it's about people. We're leading people."

Sylvester said his speech, titled "I Am a Soldier," by an unknown author, was to thank the troops he had worked with in the past and remembered the ones still out on the battlefield.



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Army Lt. Gen. John Sylvester, center, shares a laugh with Lt. Gens. William E. Ward, left, and Colby Broadwater, right after an award and departure ceremony Monday for Sylvester at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany. Sylvester, the outgoing chief of staff for U.S. European Command, was retiring after 37 years in the Army. Broadwater is replacing Sylvester as EUCOM chief of staff, and Ward is the deputy commander of U.S. Army Europe.

Then he recalled another war quotation, by a lower-ranking U.S. officer who was asked for his credentials by a surrendering German general. "These are my credentials," the American replied, motioning to the soldiers behind him.

"They (soldiers) are more than our credentials, they are the embodiment of all we do," Sylvester said.

Sylvester grew up an Army brat, son of Lt. Col. George Sylvester, a company commander in the 95th Infantry Division, the "Iron Men of Metz," who captured one of the last German army strongholds in

France during World War II.

After spending his teen years in Texas, Sylvester said he joined the Army in 1968 "to beat the draft."

"They told me I was going to be drafted and I said, 'No, way, I'm going to enlist first,'" Sylvester said.

Sylvester worked his way up from private to sergeant and through the officer ranks from second lieutenant to lieutenant general. The younger soldiers in Monday's audience seemed to appreciate Sylvester's style.

"I didn't work with him personally but



Army Lt. Gen. John Sylvester receives the Defense Superior Service Medal on Monday during his award and departure ceremony at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany.

used to see him at the gym; that gave me more inspiration and motivation," said Sgt. 1st Class James Baker of Chicago and the EUCOM Office of Manpower, Personnel and Administration.

"I've got a lot of respect for (Sylvester)," said Spc. Przemyslaw Mazur, also of Chicago, a medic at the Stuttgart health clinic who stood in line for 30 minutes to shake Sylvester's hand and pose for a picture. "He's a soldier's general. He relates to the troops."

Since becoming EUCOM chief of staff in November 2002, Sylvester helped plan U.S. military efforts in northern Iraq as well as shift EUCOM's focus south to Africa and east to the Middle East and former Soviet-bloc nations.

Sylvester said he planned to take a civilian job in the Washington area, but not until after he and his wife, Becki, spend a few weeks in Africa on a photographic safari.

"So I can see some of the things I've been dreaming about since I was a little kid," he said.

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Stripes prints papers at exercise

BY LISA HORN
Stars and Stripes

NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria — Far from the luxury of a newspaper hitting the home doorstep each morning, troops participating in the Bulwark '04 exercise are still getting the paper delivered.

For the first time, Stars and Stripes is printing a newspaper at an exercise.

The "press" looks basically like a photo copier, but has a printing capability of about one collated paper a minute. The papers are 8½-by-11-inch versions of Stripes' Middle East edition.

"This is an experiment," said Tom Kelsch, Stars and Stripes publisher. "It's another way that we can get the paper to the troops. As the technology improves, we're able to reach the troops better than ever before," he says. "I think it's a great step forward for us."

Stripes' goal in printing in Bulgaria is to provide the paper to troops in a



LISA HORN/Stars and Stripes

Sgts. 1st Class Rachel Watson-Rose, left, and Lirenelli Mari-Ciraco of the 18th Engineer Brigade, read a Stars and Stripes story on Army engineers serving in Iraq at the Bulwark '04 dining facility on Monday at Novo Selo Training Area in Bulgaria.

more timely manner, said Nathan Parham, Stripes' senior digital technician who has been running the operation in Bulgaria since July 19.

"I normally come in around 10 p.m., prep the printer and get everything ready to go," Parham said. Copies of the paper are then stapled together and distributed to the dining facility and various commands around 4 a.m.

Parham is printing 366 papers a night, or one for every three of the roughly 1,000 soldiers at the exercise. In the Middle East, a small printing press is set up in Qatar and larger, offset presses in Kuwait City and Baghdad. Print sites are also planned for Bahrain and Afghanistan.

Stripes prints its European edition in Griesheim, Germany, and Rome.

The troops seem to approve of the "new" newspaper.

"It keeps us up to date on the world events and it serves as a motivator for the troops to know what's going on in Iraq and the States," said Sgt. Shabb Robinson of the 5th Maintenance Company, 21st Theater Support Command out of Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Remote print operations at future maneuvers are in the works, said Jerry Kidder, Stripes' management information systems director in Europe.

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Incirlik wing named an outstanding unit

Stars and Stripes

U.S. Air Force officials have selected the 39th Air Base Wing at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, for the Outstanding Unit award.

The award recognizes the 39th Wing for missions accomplished from Dec. 15, 2001, through July 14, 2003.

That period — during which there were eight Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotations — included Operation Northern Watch no-fly zone missions to protect Kurds in northern Iraq, the ongoing war in Afghanistan and an evacuation of nonessential personnel in 2003 just before Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Incirlik was a crucial fueling, logistics, medical treatment center and assembly point for the initial Operation Enduring Freedom offensives. It was, and is, a transit point for troops going to and returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. However, the Turkish government, which opposed the Iraq war, declined to allow the United States to use the base for offensive operations.

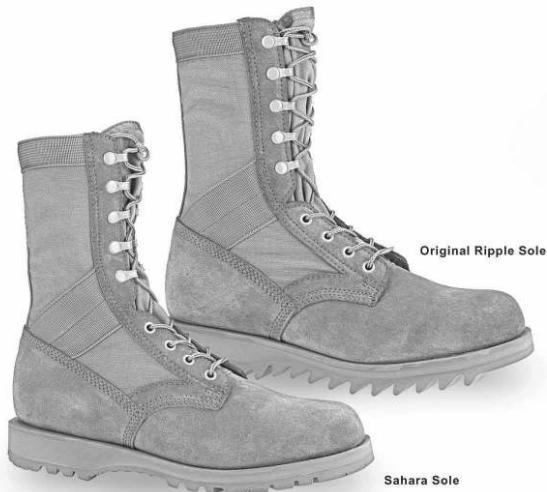
Under its previous commander, Col. Marc Felman, the base evacuated 400 civilians to the States as the Iraq war started on March 20. Since then, civilians have returned.

Current wing commander Col. Michael Gardiner announced the award July 21, according to an Air Force news release.

U.S. Air Force Europe "never lost sight of the importance of Incirlik's strategic location and robust infrastructure," Gardiner stated in the release. "This location puts Incirlik armaments in the hot seat of operations, providing an opportunity to demonstrate their professionalism and technical proficiency in cooperation with our Turkish hosts."

Incirlik Air Base is located about 10 miles east of Adana, Turkey's fourth-largest city. The base — which is a Turkish air force tanker base — is about 2,000 miles west of Afghanistan, and about 600 miles from the Iraq border.

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DODDS looks to improve math, remedial help

Advisory panels to develop strategy to attain higher scores, help elementary students

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — This school year, at least two "task forces" will look at possible changes to two core DODDS programs: the math curriculum and remedial help for elementary students, according to the military school system's top director.

One advisory committee will focus on how to best offer remedial education to elementary students, whose full schedule leaves them no time to get corrective help. Joseph Tafaya, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity, said Friday during an interview about the start of the upcoming school year.

"In high school, when we have kids who are not doing well in reading, not doing well in math ... we can schedule them into ...

reading support classes to give them that extra help. And although they may have to give up an elective or something else they may want to take, they're not losing instruction in algebra class. They still have a regular English class.

"We can also do that in middle school to some degree. ... [B]ut in the elementary schools, we have some real difficulty in addressing individual student needs.

"Any time you pull a kid out, be it third grade, fifth grade, first grade, you're pulling them out of a class assignment. So they are missing something other kids are getting in order to get some remediation," Tafaya said.

The committee will research the structure of the elementary school days, and concepts such as whether teachers could be trained to give remedial attention



Tafaya

a yearlong probe into the topic.

Math Matters program

Also this year, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools will launch its "Math Matters" program, an emphasis on the mathematics program that mirrors the emphasis placed on read-

ing few years back, Tafaya said. "Our system has very good math scores, but they're not as high as our reading scores. That's why we're making this particular emphasis," Tafaya said.

However, it won't be for another year until students see a new curriculum and new textbooks, he said. About every six years, administrators replace subject-specific textbooks at all grade levels.

"In terms of seeing new books or new approaches, in isolated places they may as we do pilot things, but overall it's still a year away."

While the Defense Department's global war on terrorism as not directly depicted into the educational coffers, the department is feeling the pinch of budget constraints felt by other federal agencies.

And he's no stranger to dealing

with budget crunches.

Last year, coming on the heels of controversial program cuts made to extracurricular activities that directly impacted students, Tafaya faced a \$61 million shortfall in payroll accounts due to the weak dollar overseas against foreign currency.

He said he refused to make more cuts in programs directly impacting students. Instead, he left vacant positions at the headquarters office, cut overtime, and shifted funds such as using \$3 million director's reserve.

"As adults, we can make do without some things. We can learn to adapt. But you're only a senior once. You only get so many chances to play football. I couldn't make any more cuts."

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Senior airman has rank reduced for black marketing

Stars and Stripes

A toiletries and gas coupon spree cost an Incirlik airman his rank.

Senior Airman Justin Elander was convicted of black marketing during a recent summary court-martial, the Air Force announced Friday. Elander was reduced in rank from staff sergeant, restricted to base for 60 days and verbally reprimanded for buying \$2,600 worth of toiletries and gas coupons for a group of Turks.

The Turks demanded that Elander buy the goods after giving him a ride to Ankara.

"He took toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, stuff like that," said Capt. Rickardo Bodden, a base spokesman. "And it was done in a one-day time span."

Lt. Col. Antoinette Kemper, 39th Air Base Wing director of staff and summary court officer, said in a news release that the volume of the purchases was what tipped off the Ankara exchange.

"This sent up red flags to the store managers," Kemper said.

Capt. Mechel Campbell, 39th Air Base Wing legal office mili-

tary justice chief, said in the news release that the purchase was payment for the lift and the fuel it took to get there.

"Upon arriving in Ankara, these 'friends' informed him that in exchange for the ride and for paying for the gas, the airman needed to do them a few favors," Campbell said. "They paid for the gas, but his 'friends' asked for a lot in return."

Black marketing in Turkey is defined by the legal office as "any giving, selling or transferring of any item to a Turkish national (or anyone else not entitled to duty-free goods) that was not purchased on the Turkish economy."

Even passing on used clothing, a pack of cigarettes or a can of coffee is considered black marketing.

"Even good people make bad decisions," Kemper said. "However, there can't be leniency when our people contribute to illegal activity. Black marketing is a serious crime ...

"Black marketing jeopardizes our entitlements as military members. It also strains relations with our host nation. They understandably take this crime very seriously."

Spangdahlem comptrollers gearing up for "Iron Flight"



KETTY REED/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Mary Anne Reyes, foreground, a physical training monitor at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, challenges members from the 52nd Fighter Wing Comptroller Squadron to push out one more flutter kick during a recent workout. The squadron members are the three-time winners of the annual "Iron Flight" competition held at the air base. The 10-member team competes against other squadrons based on the Air Force physical training standards of waist measurement, push-ups, sit-ups and a timed 1 1/2-mile run.

Aviano airman killed in car crash

An Aviano Air Base airman was killed and five other people were injured in a highway accident July 25 near Verona, Italy.

Senior Airman Eda Mae Javier Sims, 25, a telephone systems maintenance apprentice with the 31st Communications Squadron, died at about 11:30 a.m. after the van she was driving crashed on au-

tostrada A4 heading toward Vicenza. Further details on the cause of the crash were not available, according to a base spokesman.

Sims is survived by parents Mary Lou J. Sims and retired Air Force Master Sgt. Robert D. Sims of Bossier City, La.

The injured passengers in the van were taken to two hospitals in the Verona area, where they were treated and released.

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IN THE STATES

Bush supports new post

President backs 9/11 panel's recommendation for national intelligence czar, counterterrorism center

BY DEB RIECHMANN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday endorsed creation of a national intelligence czar and counterterrorism center — his first steps in revamping the nation's intelligence-gathering system to help prevent a repeat of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We are a nation in danger," Bush said as he announced his position during an appearance with top administration national security figures in the White House Rose Garden.

Bush thus embraced, with some changes, two key recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission, which outlined lapses in intelligence that left America vulnerable to the attacks.

The bipartisan panel's most overarching recommendations in a 567-page report were for creation of a counterterrorism center, which the commission envisioned as a joint operational planning and intelligence center staffed by personnel from all the spy agencies, and a national intelligence czar.

The chairman of the Sept. 11 commission, former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, and former Rep. Lee Hamilton have insisted that the center and the national intelligence director position be placed in the executive office of the president to give the White House clout in dealing with all the nation's intelligence agencies.



Bush

Bush said he wants them set up outside the White House. "I don't think the person should be a member of my Cabinet," Bush said. "I will hire the person and I can fire the person. ... I don't think that the office should be in the White House, however, I think it should be a stand-alone group to better coordinate."

Intelligence reforms to help thwart a repeat of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, took on

special urgency with the announcement Sunday by authorities that they had uncovered a plot by the al-Qaida terror network to attack five prominent financial institutions in New York City, Washington and Newark, N.J.

In asking Congress to create the position of a national intelligence director, Bush said the person holding the post would be appointed by the president, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and would serve at the pleasure of the president. The director would serve as the president's principal intelligence adviser, overseeing and coordinating the foreign and domestic activities of the intelligence community.

Currently, the CIA director not only heads his own agency but also oversees the U.S. intelligence community, which has grown to 15 agencies. But the director has neither budgetary authority nor day-to-day operational control of the other agencies, most of which are in the Defense Department. A national intelligence director would oversee all the agencies.

Supreme Court to revisit prison sentencing rules

BY ANNE GEARAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to settle whether long-standing federal rules for sentencing criminals violate the Constitution, a question that has thrown federal courthouses into disarray this summer.

The high court said it will hear two cases suggested by the Bush administration. The Justice Department had rushed the appeals just weeks after the court ruled major portions of a state sentencing system unconstitutional.

That system in the state of Washington, like the federal sentencing system, relied on judges to make many decisions that can affect the length of a defendant's sentence. The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in June that juries must decide any matter that can lengthen a sentence beyond the maximum set out in state sentencing guidelines, or the defendant must admit it.

Federal trial judges routinely make such findings as the quantity of drugs involved in a crime or whether a gun was used.

Trial judges and appeals courts have divided over whether

the Supreme Court's ruling in *Blakely v. Washington* invalidates the federal sentencing system, with some judges concluding that they cannot continue sentencing criminal defendants under the old rules.

The Supreme Court is on its summer hiatus, but nonetheless issued a brief order to add both cases to its calendar. The court said it will hear the cases, both involving federal drug defendants, on the first day of the new court term in October.

The justices gave government lawyers and defense attorneys a tight schedule to file paperwork over the summer.

The high court said nothing Monday about the urgency of the sentencing issue, but the choice to hear the cases so soon is an indication that the court is well aware of the turmoil caused by its ruling.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said as much in a speech last month, in which she echoed her own sharp dissent in the *Blakely* case. As she and other dissenters predicted, the ruling upset what had been a settled, and presumably constitutional, system in use in each of more than 90 federal trial courts around the country.

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Kerry says Bush too slow on terror moves

BY MARY DALRYMPLE

The Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry said Monday that President Bush has responded too slowly to the terrorist threat three years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and has adopted policies that have encouraged terrorism.

"I regret that the president has no sense of urgency," Kerry said during a hastily called news conference following President Bush's Rose Garden appearance in which he announced his support for creating a national intelligence czar and counterterrorism center.

The Democratic challenger welcomed Bush's decision to embrace some of the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations but argued that with the nation at war, the Republican incumbent and self-described "war president" should move more quickly.

"We can't afford reluctance in the protection of our country," Kerry said.

Earlier in the day, in an interview on CNN's "American Morning," Kerry said the administration's policies are "actually encouraging the recruitment of terrorists." The administration hasn't reached out to other countries and the Muslim community, he said, and hasn't done enough to protect U.S. ports, chemical plants and nuclear facilities.

Bush rejected that criticism during his Rose Garden appearance, telling reporters, "It is a ridiculous notion to assert because



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., talks to firefighters Monday while campaigning in Grand Rapids, Mich. Kerry faulted the Bush administration's response to the terrorist threat, but dismissed suggestions that raising the terror alert was politically motivated.

the United States is on the offense the more people want to hurt us."

At his news conference, Kerry reiterated that Bush's policies "have resulted in an increase of animosity focused on" the United States.

While Kerry reiterated his belief that the war in Iraq was unnecessary and a war of choice, Bush defended the removal of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"Knowing what I know today, we still would have gone on into Iraq," Bush said. "He had the capability of making weapons of

mass destruction. He had terrorists ties ... the decision I made is the right decision. The world is better off without Saddam Hussein in power."

"I find it interesting in the political process that some [say], 'Well, I voted for the intelligence,' and now they won't say whether or not it was the right decision to take Saddam Hussein out," Bush said. "It's the right decision, and the world is better off for it."

In October 2002, Kerry voted to give Bush the military authority to oust Saddam, but since then

has been highly critical of the president's handling of the war.

Kerry's spokesman said the Massachusetts senator's objection was to how Bush executed the war — "making sure weapons inspectors were able to do their job as well as put together a strong and comprehensive international coalition to ensure this was done in the most strategic and effective way possible."

On Sunday, the Department of

Homeland Security, citing credible information that financial institutions in New York City, Washington and New Jersey were possible targets, raised the threat level for those areas.

"You take any threat seriously," Kerry, who was briefed on Sunday about the latest threats, told CNN. "What's important, however, is not to sort of bounce along from threat to threat. It's to win the war, and I believe that I can fight a more effective war on terror than George Bush is."

Kerry dismissed former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's comment that raising the terror level might be politically motivated.

"I don't care what he said. I haven't suggested that and I won't suggest that," Kerry said. "I do not hold that opinion. I don't believe that."

Campaigning in Grand Rapids on Monday, Kerry was releasing a book-length blueprint for his White House campaign with running mate John Edwards, including plans to fight terrorism and improve homeland security. The book will be available on his campaign Web site and distributed to supporters.

Edwards planned his own event in Orlando, Fla., as the candidates went their separate ways on a two-week, coast-to-coast tour through battleground states.

Kerry got his briefing over a secure phone line provided by the Secret Service while in the campaign bus, which stayed parked for about 40 minutes next to a ballpark in Taylor, Mich.

Nearly no bounce in polls for Kerry after convention

The Associated Press

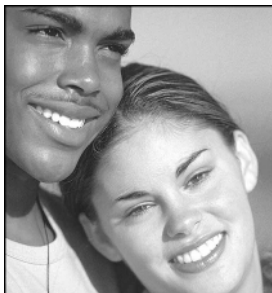
WASHINGTON — John Kerry either gained a slight bump in his standing with voters or didn't move at all following the Democratic National Convention, according to polls taken after he accepted the party's nomination for president.

A Newsweek poll taken Thursday and Friday gave Kerry and running mate John Edwards a narrow lead, 49 percent to 42 percent for President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney and 3 percent for independent Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo. Kerry-Edwards and Bush-Cheney were essentially tied in a Newsweek poll in early July — 47 percent for Kerry-Edwards and 44 percent for Bush-Cheney with 3 percent for Nader-Camejo.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll released Sunday found Bush and Cheney slightly ahead, 50 percent to 46 percent for Kerry-Edwards and 2 percent for Nader-Camejo.

A CBS News poll released Monday found the Democratic ticket slightly ahead of Bush-Cheney, 48 percent to 43 percent with Nader at 3 percent with a 4 percentage point margin of error.

The Newsweek and CNN-USA Today-Gallup polls each had a 4 percentage point margin of error.



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Missing Utah woman's husband arrested

Hacking held on suspicion of aggravated murder after providing new information

BY PAUL FOY
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The husband of a pregnant woman who disappeared two weeks ago has been arrested on suspicion of aggravated murder, police announced Monday.

Lori Hacking, 27, has been missing since July 19, when her husband told authorities that she failed to return from an early morning jog. Her body has not been found.

The investigation took a grim turn over the weekend when her relatives asked volunteers to stop looking for her in response to new information from Mark Hacking.

"We believe that Mark Hacking is responsible for her disappearance and her death," Police

Chief Rick Dinse said Monday. Dinse said investigators believe Lori Hacking was killed in an apartment, but did not say how.

Since reporting the wife missing, Mark Hacking's credibility has crumbled amid revelations that he lied to his wife about enrolling at medical school in North Carolina and about graduating from the University of Utah.

Hacking, 28, was taken to a psychiatric ward the day after he reported his wife missing, after he

was seen running around at night naked in sandals outside a motel where he'd taken a room.

Investigators focused on Hacking after learning he was at a store buying a new mattress just before reporting his wife missing.

Investigators have refused to confirm reports that they found a mattress in a nearby trash bin.

A media statement released by the family late Saturday said Hacking had given them information that made a volunteer search

unnecessary. It did not reveal what Mark Hacking told his family, and Baird said only that it was "additional substantive information."

The search for Lori Hacking has taken volunteers to neighborhoods, industrial areas and canyons around the park where she was said to have been jogging the morning she was reported missing.

Investigators plan to resume their search at the landfill this week. However, cadaver dogs will not be available until Friday, when the all-night searching can begin, Baird said.

Lori Hacking's father, Eraldo Soares, said late Saturday he was unaware of any new information about his daughter. He did not return phone messages late Sunday.



Mark Hacking was arrested Monday on suspicion of aggravated murder in the case of his missing wife, Lori.

Airplane scare

CHICAGO — A Japanese man flying to Ohio was arrested after he was seen writing down the words "suicide bomb," but he was released without charge after explaining that it was an impromptu English exercise.

The 60-year-old man told investigators he came across the words in a newspaper and wanted to look up their meaning, police spokeswoman Alice Casanova said.

"He teaches himself English by reading newspapers," she said. "It was all just a miscellaneous information."

The man was aboard United Airlines flight 1184 en route to

Dayton, Ohio, on a business trip Sunday when a fellow passenger spotted the words and alerted an attendant, Casanova said.

The flight returned to O'Hare International Airport, where the man was taken into custody and all of the other 120 passengers were taken off the plane and released.

Investigators also searched the plane. "Nothing panned out and he was released," Casanova said.

Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Andrea McAuley said travelers need to be mindful of how they behave on airplanes because potential security threats are treated very seriously.

Space launch delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Bad weather forced mission managers to postpone launching NASA's Messenger spacecraft on a Boeing Delta 2 rocket early Monday.

Managers stopped the launch because of clouds near the pad at a critical point in the countdown. The minuscule 12-second launch window left no time to try again.

NASA hopes to try again early Tuesday.

Messenger is set to begin a 4.9 billion mile journey to orbit the planet Mercury and collect data on the planet's geology and atmospheric composition. It will be the first spacecraft to visit the planet since Mariner 10 whizzed by three times in 1974 and 1975. It will also be the first spacecraft ever to orbit the planet.

Launch controllers have until Aug. 14 to launch the spacecraft.

From The Associated Press

Apple exec has cancer surgery

BY MATTHEW FORDAHL
The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Steve Jobs, the charismatic chief executive of Apple Computer Inc. and Pixar Animation Studios, said Sunday he had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his pancreas but added he expects a full recovery.

In an e-mail message to employees, he said he will be off to recuperate during August and expects to return to work in September.

He identified his cancer as an islet cell neuroendocrine tumor, which he described as rare and said could be cured by surgical removal if diagnosed early. He said his was caught early.

A far more deadly — and common form — of pancreatic cancer is adenocarcinoma, he said.

"I mention this because when one hears 'pancreatic cancer' (or Google it), one immediately encounters this far more common and deadly form, which, thank God, is not what I had," he said in the message.

During Jobs' absence, Apple will be run by Timothy Cook, the company's executive vice

president of worldwide sales and operations.

Jobs and friend Steve Wozniak founded Apple Computer in 1976, five years before IBM Corp. jumped into the personal computer market.

In 1984, the company released the Macintosh, which was the first commercially successful computer to have a graphical user interface that mimicked a physical desktop. It was eventually copied by makers of IBM-clone computers.

He made a splash in 1998 with the release of a revamped and stylish iMac, which was followed by new lines of laptops as well as professional-grade computers and servers. In 2001, Apple jumped into the digital music player business with its iPod, which is now the most popular MP3 player on the market.

And last year, Apple launched the iTunes Music Store, which allowed legal music downloads after Jobs persuaded music companies that his technology was secure.

Jobs is also chief executive of Pixar Animation Studios, which produced "Finding Nemo" and "Toy Story."



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Tropical storm builds along South Carolina coast

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tropical storm warnings were posted for parts of the Carolinas on Monday as the first named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season gathered strength and moved slowly along the coast.

Tropical Storm Alex was not projected to reach hurricane strength, with sustained wind of at least 74 mph, but it could get close, the National Hurricane Center said.

By late Monday morning, Alex's maximum sustained wind had increased to 60 mph with some higher gusts as waves washed across South Carolina beaches.

Alex was centered about 120

miles southeast of Charleston by late morning and was moving east-northeast at 5 mph. Although no landfall was projected, Alex was expected to approach the coast. At sunrise Tuesday, it was projected to be just off Cape Lookout, N.C., said the Florida-based Hurricane Center.

Tropical storm warnings were in effect from the South Santee River, northeast of Charleston, to Oregon Inlet in North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Meteorologists said no significant coastal flooding was expected, although high water was possible in the North Carolina sounds. One to 2 inches of rain was expected in some areas.

One of the dangers associated

with Alex was rip currents, which can pull unsuspecting swimmers out to sea, said Reid Hawkins of the National Weather Service office in Wilmington.

The storm comes just as loggerhead turtle eggs are beginning to hatch and members of the South Carolina United Turtle Enthusiasts were watching its progress closely. The group did not plan to move nests because they try to eliminate human contact with the eggs.

The 2004 hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30, has started slowly. Only two seasons on record have a first depression forming later than July 31, but forecasters caution that has no bearing on overall hurricane activity.

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IN THE WORLD



AP

A firefighter carries a woman out of the Ycua Bolanos supermarket in Asuncion, Paraguay, on Sunday. A deadly fire broke out at the supermarket while it was crowded with midday shoppers.

Market fire kills 311 in Paraguay

Nation enters 3 days of mourning

BY PEDRO SERVIN

The Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Survivors of an inferno in a crowded supermarket said locked doors slowed their escape from the fast-spreading fire that killed at least 311 people in Paraguay's worst disaster in more than half a century.

Hundreds more were injured, many with serious burns, after the blaze swept through the multilevel Ycua Bolanos supermarket on the outskirts of the capital, Asuncion, while it was crowded with shoppers midday Sunday.

Interior Minister Orlando Fiorotto raised the death toll to 311 after a search Monday morning at the charred supermarket. The Health Ministry said 276 people were injured, including 70 with critical burns or breathing problems.

Officials said it was the worst tragedy in Paraguay since a failed military insurrection in 1947 left some 8,000 people dead.

The heat of the blaze caused one floor to collapse, crushing dozens of cars in the parking lot below as flames engulfed the motorists inside, police said. Badly burned bodies, some with twisted limbs, were pulled from the debris Sunday as black smoke billowed overhead. Res-

cues led away dozens of children found near the store's toy department.

"This is a moment of great anguish," President Nicanor Duarte said as he declared three days of national mourning. Classes were also canceled in Asuncion, and people jammed hospitals and clinics to donate blood.

Authorities said they had detained two owners of the supermarket for questioning about reports by some survivors that doors had been locked. A statement released by the management denied doors were locked after the fire broke out to prevent looting.

Police said they also were investigating survivor accounts the fire may have been fueled by an exploding gas canister in the food court area. Authorities said they still had not concluded what caused the blaze.

Fearful of dangers of working in the still-smoldering building overnight, rescue workers and firefighters resumed digging Monday, trying to work their way further into a crushed parking garage and food court.

Authorities warned they still could find further victims in the sprawling complex. The head of a volunteer fire brigade, Capt. David Rojas, said identification of many of the remains would go slowly.

Gypsies gather in Poland, remember dead of WWII

BY TONY CZUCZKA

The Associated Press

BRZEZINKA, Poland — Gypsies from across Europe met at the former Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp Monday to remember hundreds of thousands of their ancestors killed by the Nazis and call for wider recognition of the "Gypsy Holocaust."

The ceremony, exactly 60 years after the night the Nazis gassed the final 2,900 Gypsies being held in the camp, also heard warnings that the Sinti and Roma continue to face persistent discrimination, especially in eastern Europe.

"Like the Jews, the Sinti and Roma were brutally persecuted and systematically murdered with an inhuman determination," said Germany's envoy to the ceremony, Environment Minister Juergen Trittin.

"This genocide is part of our history," he said. "As Germans, we carry the historic and the political responsibility."

Although the exact number is not known, it is believed up to half a million European Gypsies perished at the Nazis' hands during World War II along with 6 million Jews.

On Aug. 2, 1944, the SS liquidated the Gypsy camp and killed

most of the remaining inmates, including many women, children and elderly, in the gas chambers. Others were sent to German factories for forced labor.

The anniversary was marked Monday with solemn speeches and mournful music amid the ruins of dozens of prisoner barracks on a vast grassy area, still ringed by concrete fence posts and watchtowers.

"Auschwitz-Birkenau is a symbol of the genocide perpetrated on our people," said Roman Kwiatkowski, the top Gypsy representative in Poland.

"These crimes should be properly commemorated," Kwiatkowski said.

Convicted collaborators killed in Gaza hospital attacks

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinian gunmen twice broke into a Gaza City hospital and killed convicted collaborators with Israeli intelligence, hours after they were brought for treatment of wounds suffered when a grenade exploded in their jail cell.

The dead were identified as Mahmoud al-Sharif, 52, and Walid Hamdiyah, 42. They were killed in similar attacks a few hours apart. Gunmen pulled up to Shifa Hospital in several vehicles.

While some militants closed the street, others raced into the hospital and gunned down the convicted collaborators.

Hamdiyah confessed during a 2002 trial to providing Israel with information that helped its forces kill Inad Akeel, a founder of the Hamas military wing, in 1993.

Al-Sharif was convicted in 1999 of being involved in the killing of Mahmoud al-Khawja, the founder of Islamic Jihad's military wing, four years earlier.

Assassinations of collaborators are relatively common, but this one came amid growing lawlessness in the Palestinian territories that has highlighted political inability to rein in violence.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, hundreds of Palestinians rallied Monday in support of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been under a barrage of criticism over lawlessness and corruption in the Palestinian territories.

The rally came a day after Arab newspapers published unusually sharp comments against Arafat by Mohammed Dahlan, a former Gaza security chief campaigning for reform in Arafat's Palestinian Authority.



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Accidents shut down Diana's fountain

BY JANE WARDELL
The Associated Press

LONDON — It was meant to be the perfect tribute to the "people's princess" — a pool of water designed for children to frolic in, rather than a stark stone obelisk to be stared at.

But the hopes behind the Princess Diana Memorial Fountain in London's Hyde Park have been thwarted by a mixture of bad luck and apparent poor planning.

On Sunday, the circular moat lay drained of water behind a seven-foot-high link fence to keep people out.

"It's disappointing. We came to the park specially to see it and it's just a dry stone circle," said Australian tourist Ruth Petersen, 26.

The \$6.5 million fountain, opened in a grand ceremony by Queen Elizabeth II less than a month ago, was closed indefinitely after three people, including a child, slipped and injured themselves while wading in it.

Environmental experts blamed the designers, claiming it should have been obvious that a granite moat combined with flowing fresh water would be a breeding ground for slippery algae.

Culture Minister Tessa Jowell criticized some of the visitors to the memorial for dropping litter, including diapers, into the fountain and allowing their dogs into the water.

Jowell said that the Royal Parks agency, which manages Hyde Park, is working to rectify the problems but future visitors will have to play their part.

"People have got to be responsible in the way they let their chil-



Bethany Lucas, left, 10, and her friend Rebecca McConnell splash around after the July opening of the fountain built in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, in London's Hyde Park. On Sunday, the circular moat lay drained of water behind a seven-foot-high link fence. The \$6.5 million fountain was closed indefinitely after three people, including a child, slipped and injured themselves while wading in it.

dren play in the fountain," she told the Sunday Telegraph newspaper.

"The critical issue is that this is a memorial. I don't think any responsible member of the public would want to see people allowing their dogs in it," she added.

The ring of water, designed by American Kathryn Gustafson, was chosen ahead of 57 other entries as the permanent memorial for Diana in the capital.

Gustafson said her design reflected aspects of the personality of Diana, the "people's princess" known for her love of children who died in a 1997 Paris car crash.

Diana's mother, the late Frances Shand Kydd, was unimpressed. In 2002, she criticized plans for the memorial for a "lack of grandeur."

When the fountain was opened

on July 6, other critics branded it a storm drain, a prophecy that came true a day later when high winds and heavy rain hit the capital.

The fountain became blocked with leaves and overflowed onto the surrounding lawn. It was closed for a few days for a clean up and Royal Parks assigned extra people to continually clear the fountain of debris.

Its reopening was short-lived. Royal Parks shut off the water again on July 22 after three people slipped, including a child who suffered a bump on the head and some bleeding.

Workers have now roughened the texture of the stones to improve the grip and Royal Parks intends to carry out weekly cleaning with high pressure water jets.

Royal Parks said the fountain will remain closed until independent health and safety experts give their approval.

Macedonians mark 'Statehood Day' at Serbian monastery

BY MISHA SAVIC
The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — In a sign of warming relations, Serbian and Macedonian leaders met Monday at a southern Serbian monastery that Macedonians view as the birthplace of their fledgling state.

The Macedonian delegation — headed by President Branko Crvenkovski — was allowed to enter the monastery grounds that had been informally off limits to officials from his republic for more than a decade.

He placed a wreath at the site where Macedonian communist of-

ficials met with their Serbian counterparts in 1944 to negotiate Macedonia's status as a republic in post-war communist Yugoslavia.

The meeting was crucial to Macedonia's position as one of six republics in Yugoslavia, which eventually led to full independence for Macedonia and three other republics as the federation started dissolving in 1991.

"It was here 60 years ago that Macedonia finally got its statehood," Crvenkovski said at the ceremony, describing his country as "a result of great energy of many generations, the fruit of great efforts and sacrifice."

He also pledged to bring his impoverished country closer to membership in the European

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Union and NATO.

Serbia's Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica also attended Monday's ceremony, in a sign of improving relations between the Balkan neighbors, Serbia's state television reported.

The Belgrade government never seriously challenged Macedonia's statehood, but the Serbian Orthodox church, which runs the monastery, has expressed anger over Macedonia's split from

"mother" Serbia and particularly by establishment of Macedonia's own Orthodox church, which it and other Orthodox Christian churches do not recognize.

Last year, Serbian priests turned away a top Macedonian delegation from the monastery.

This year's meeting of secular and religious leaders of Serbia and Macedonia came after the Serbian put pressure on the

In another sign of improved relations, the Serbian officials were expected later Monday to make a brief visit across the Macedonian border to attend ceremonies organized by Macedonian authorities for the country's "Statehood Day."

Branko Crvenkovski

Macedonia president

"It was here 60 years ago that Macedonia finally got its statehood."

Danish Army officer faces probe in denying water to Iraqi prisoners

BY JAN M. OLSEN
The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Denmark's government said Monday an officer with Danish troops in Iraq is being investigated over claims of misconduct that reportedly include allegations he withheld water to Iraqi prisoners and forced them to sit in a "stressful position" for long periods.

The unidentified officer has been ordered home to face the probe, Defense Minister Soeren Gade said. Both the government and military refused to disclose the officer's name, in line with Danish privacy rules, or details of his alleged misconduct.

Denmark has almost Danish 500 troops serving in Basra and nearby Qurnah, 250 miles southeast of Baghdad.

"It very important that we behave in a correct manner in Iraq," Gade said. "We got information that someone may not

have acted by the book with prisoners so it was immediately decided to launch the investigation."

Citing unnamed sources, the tabloid Ekstra Bladet reported Monday that a military intelligence officer refused to give Iraqi prisoners enough water while they were being questioned and forced them to sit in "a stressful position for long periods of time."

Lt. Col. Hans-Christian Mathiesen, a spokesman for the Defense Command Denmark, the country's top military authority, said the officer was ordered home July 30, two weeks ahead of his scheduled return.

Denmark, which backed the U.S.-led invasion to oust Saddam Hussein, has 496 troops serving in Iraq under British command.

Tue Magnusson of the Copenhagen-based Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims said Danes "have had an intrinsic belief" that they should combat torture by speaking out against it.

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 lights in the July 22 Stars and Stripes:
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 to being a six-time Tour De France
 champion;
 ■ In Wisconsin, a man has eaten at least
 one Big Mac a day for a total of 20,000
 since 1972;
 ■ Death toll for U.S. troops killed in Iraq
 hits 900.

In all wars, conflicts or whatever you
 want to call it, people die. Would the media
 ever think of picking an area in the United
 States with a comparable amount of issues
 (such as gangs, racism, religious persecu-
 tion, the mob, etc.) and keep a running
 tally of deaths?

Is it too hard to keep a tally of the pos-
 itive things the troops do, such as schools
 opened, amount of families who now have
 a better/safer place to live, number of peo-
 ple who have received quality medi-
 cal/dental help, or how about the number
 of children who did not die due to lack of
 food?

As an Army pilot, I have personally seen
 about 10 "bad guys" and one American sol-
 dier die or dead. Do you think you could
 start a scoreboard of how many times that
 soldier made a child smile, how many peo-
 ple waved as he flew by, or how many
 times he was there for his buddies?

No wonder people want us out of here.
 The media on a regular basis reminds the
 country of the bad things that happen over
 and over and over.

So, if you would please get rid of the
 death toll reminder or put it in the sports
 area with the rest of the scores for the day
 it would be greatly appreciated.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kenneth W.

Wilson

Taji, Iraq

Media helping terrorists

In late February I returned from a
 364-day deployment in Iraq, during which
 I served with the 3rd Infantry Division
 (1-3 Mechanized Infantry and 1-64
 Armor) and 101st Airborne Division (As-
 ault). I was extremely proud of the great
 work that the Army had done during the
 initial phases of the war. The achieve-
 ments made by all military servicemen-
 bers, nonmilitary organizations and
 true, caring Iraqi citizens during the time
 period between February 2003 and Feb-
 ruary 2004 throughout Iraq were truly amaz-
 ing.

I have become very concerned and, at
 times, angry with the media. The great ser-
 vicemen of this nation are doing their
 very best with limited supplies and insuffi-
 cient equipment under terrible environmen-
 tal conditions. And what the media
 are broadcasting makes the mission even
 harder on our troops.

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 tions and beheadings, of U.S. and for-
 eign citizens overseas. By televising such
 actions our media are feeding the fire to
 terrorist causes.

Our news agencies need to wake up and
 realize that they are only assisting terror-
 rorists by giving them the media device such
 things. I find it hard to think that we can-
 not shut down these Internet sites that
 broadcast messages and images of behead-
 ings, or neutralize the Arabic news station
 al-Jazeera. Let's just put it up in the bud. Pos-
 sibly they would be forced to recon with
 their biggest problem like real men.

I pick it to taking care of a crying baby.
 If I listen to it every time it cries, then it
 keeps crying. If I let it react to it get out of
 you and continue crying.

Sgt. Jared Maier

Mannheim, Germany

Be vocal about gas prices

According to "AAAFES gas prices" (July
 14), it seems that the Army and Air Force
 Exchange Service is making outrageous
 profits on its gasoline sales by tying prices
 to what consumers pay in the States. This
 policy allows AAFFES to mark up its prices
 anywhere from \$78 to \$91 cents per gal-
 lon. This is unfair to servicemen in
 Germany who have no other choice but to
 buy from AAFFES, and really gives AAFFES
 a black eye in the customer service arena.
 But it seems that no matter how much
 we complain, AAFFES doesn't care. Here's
 my suggestion to remedy this situation. Go
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 tomatically identify your congressional
 district and fill in your personal
 data, you can then, in your own words, let
 them know how AAFFES is blatantly
 price-gouging servicemen in Germany
 on gasoline.

We understand that AAFFES needs to

make a reasonable profit, but how can it
 justify a profit of from \$78 to \$91 on every
 100 gallons it pumps?

Master Sgt. Burl Stubbelfield

Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Shop somewhere else

While serving downrange, I enjoy read-
 ing the Stars and Stripes daily to keep up
 with news back home. However, lately all
 I hear about are people complaining about
 how the Army and Air Force Exchange
 Service is only interested in profit by rais-
 ing gas prices.

If you are not content with the service
 that AAFFES provides, go ahead and buy
 your gas on the local market. While you're
 at it, don't bother shopping at the commis-
 sary, shopette, clothing and sales, or the
 post exchange either, since those are man-
 aged by AAFFES as well.

Before you go around accusing AAFFES
 of hoarding profits, why don't you go
 ahead and think about all the good AAFFES
 is doing back home and downrange.

2nd Lt. Karl Chu

Camp Normandy, Iraq

Good for services to share

Being married to a Marine, I hear all the
 little comments the Marines make about
 the new Army battle dress uniforms and
 that they mimic the Marines' digital cam-
 mies. I have two words for all who make
 these comments: Shut up!

First, I saw the new uniform when the
 command sergeant major of the Army
 came here and I can say that the uniform's
 colors, look and style are completely differ-
 ent from the Marines' cammies. So it is not
 the same. If the pattern resembles the Ma-
 rines', so what? The last time I checked we
 are all on the same team, fighting for the
 same country in the same places, and I
 know that I want my fellow comrades to be
 as safe as possible when they are out in
 the field — regardless of what service they
 are in.

If the Marines had a style or pattern that
 was better and helped them blend in with
 their environment better or a fabric that
 kept their troops cooler in the hot desert,
 shouldn't they be glad to help out their fel-
 low servicemen?

If the Army did, in fact, copy the Ma-
 rines', as they say, they should be proud
 that their innovation is spreading to other
 services and contributing to the overall
 safety of servicemen.

This pertains to everything that the mili-
 tary does: If one service does things bet-
 ter, it should share. Sometimes pride gets
 too far.

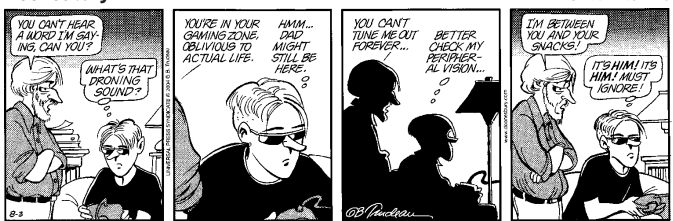
Marines, your uniforms are still distinct
 and you will always stand out from the
 other services because of what you do with
 so few resources.

We respect you, so show a little respect
 back by showing that you can contribute
 your advances in the uniform department
 and do not need to return to first grade to
 learn how to share.

Nicole L. Kojatin

Torri Station, Okinawa

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Obama explained what makes America special

Barack Obama came pretty much as promised, an impressive, eloquent, charismatic, super-bright politician on the rise, and more than that — someone whose keynote address

at the Democratic National Convention espoused an idea of America that is sorely needed, whether you lean to the right or the left.

I lean to the right on most issues. Obama clearly leans to the left. I don't doubt that on many political matters we would differ.

Even in his speech [last week], I noted a few discordant elements — I will mention a couple — and I am sure he and I would not trace out the implications of his theme in precisely the same way.

The theme, though, is one that at least some people don't get. That America is a land of extraordinary opportunity, that liberty and equality are our most important products, that we must be self-accountable and communally responsible, that in general hold such democratic values in common, and that what we hold in common is far more important than what divides us.

Obama's own life exemplifies the theme. He is the son of a Kenyan goatherd and a white Kansas mother who, he said in his speech, "shared an abiding faith in the possibilities of this nation, and named him 'Barack,' or 'blessed,' believing that as a tolerant American your name is no barrier to success." For him, it clearly was not.

He went to Columbia University, moved to Chicago to work for a community organizer, and then went to Harvard Law

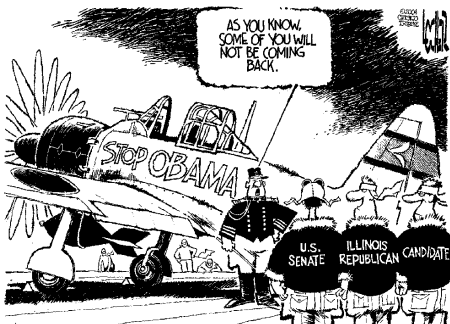
School, where he graduated with honors. He now teaches law at the University of Chicago. He was elected to the Illinois state Senate and emerged victorious in a seven-person Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate, exhibiting political talent many have said could conceivably take him almost anywhere in politics he wants to go. He has no Republican opponent at the moment, and looks likely, we are told, to become only the third African-American elected to the Senate since Reconstruction.

"I stand here today, grateful for the diversity of my heritage, aware that my parents' dreams live on in my precious daughters," said Obama to a national television audience. "I stand here knowing that my story is part of the larger American story, that I owe a debt to all of those who came before me, and that, in no other country on Earth, is my story even possible."

Tell this and looking more youthful than his 42 years, Obama emphasized our freedoms — "that we can say what we think, write what we think, without hearing a sudden knock on the door; that we can have an idea and start our own business." He spoke of social problems, but added, "The people I meet in small towns and big cities, in diners and office parks, they don't expect government to solve all their problems."

He also said that "alongside our famous individualism, there's another ingredient in the American spang, identifying it as a 'believe that we are connected to one people.' He said "spin masters and negative-addled peddlers who embrace the politics of anything goes" would have you believe there is a liberal and conservative America, a black and white America, but that such is not the case: "There's the United States of America."

He talked near the end of his remarks about hope, the hope of slaves, strung around a fire singing freedom songs," for in-



stance, and the hope of a "skinny kid with a funny name who believes America has a place for him, too."

Obama went wrong, I think, in making it sound as if the middle class is caught up in some terrible crisis. It isn't. There was a recession that was hurtful to some, but there is now a recovery, jobs are coming back and the middle class in America stands overall as one of the most privileged and prosperous groups of people in the history of humanity.

He engaged in rhetorical overkill, to say the least, when he said: "America will reclaim its promise, and out of this long political darkness a brighter day will come." Long po-

litical darkness? I don't think so.

But what his speech affirmed is American exceptionalism, the notion that in important, worthy ways we are an exception to the rest of the civilized world. It is a notion that used to hold sway generally, but not quite so much these days, it seems to me from some of my reading.

Many academics and others seem bent on emphasizing our very real faults as if they are of far larger significance than our very real virtues. Obama, I think, got the emphasis right.

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We've axed the book on democracy to Cliff's Notes

BY BRAD ROURKE

The recent study by the National Endowment for the Arts that reveals a precipitous drop in book reading among Americans has many wringing their hands, but the trend is nothing new. We're a nation of people who can, but choose not to, read for pleasure.

But that's just part of the problem. Among those who reported reading a book in the past year, how many really did so and how many thumbed through it or just got partway? How many books are on nightstands gathering dust or being flipped through while Letterman rattles off his Top Ten? How many people will really read, say, the Sept. 11 commission's just-published final report? Even many of us who say we read books actually just skip through them, looking here and there for bits of information. In fact, we've become something of a skimming culture.

It's not all our fault. Everything is geared to allowing us to give only partial attention toward what is in front of us. There's a headline ticker at the bottom of my newscast. Three or more task windows are open on my computer screen at any time. I drive with a cellular headset in case I get a call. Look around at a traffic light sometime and count the number of LCD panels flipped down from the roofs of other cars — they're watching TV while driving! Microsoft, a company that has become one of the world's largest by knowing how people go about digesting information, has coined a phrase for the way we take in the world around us: "continuous partial attention." Their products are all geared to be usable under such circumstances.

There are those who worry about the fate of society in a nation of willful non-readers, but I worry about the fate of democracy. The consequences of not paying attention are wide-ranging. In corporate America, it's become a problem that workers do not fully read the key corporate documents their employers put out for their benefit. Think "Enron ethics code" here. And in public life, details get missed.

Wrong impressions get formed. Headlines substitute for reading past Page One.

Total ignorance, one might argue, is, in fact, better for democracy than a partial ignorance that masquerades as knowledge. At least the totally ignorant sense their limitations. Skimmers, on the other

hand, may well occupy the ranks of power and feel a mastery of the information around them. But in truth they have faulty intelligence.

After listening to the "executive summary" on their drive in to work or on the treadmill, they have a false confidence that they know what they need to know. Little wonder that there is a call to de-classify the one-page summary of Iraq intelligence prepared for President Bush before the invasion. (The sheet reportedly omits qualifications and nuance, creating a much starker sense of the world situation.) The administration's refusal to release the brief document is based on the grounds that it's irrelevant because the full National Intelligence Estimate was released and, according to one official, "we expect people to read beyond one page."

But most people at home know that they themselves might have read only the cover sheet. They wonder: Did the president or his advisers flip past it, or did they stop after glancing at the Cliff's Notes?

Indeed, even the president's chief opponent, Sen. John Kerry, acknowledged that he did not read the admittedly lengthy NIE before voting on whether to grant authority to invade Iraq. Skimming, clearly, is a nonpartisan issue.

Sadly, sometimes it seems we are forced to wonder whether any of our leaders ever read their briefing materials at all. Before we blame them, though, let us look at our own habits, and ask whether we are really reading what is before us.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Hiker rescued

CO ESTES PARK — A 4,000- to 5,000-pound rock fell on a hiker who was trying to climb it Saturday, but she suffered no broken bones in the mishap.

Judy Curtis, who had been hiking with a church group in Hell's Canyon, was freed by rescuers who used three air bags to lift the rock off her legs. Larimer County sheriff's officials said Curtis, who lives in Arvada, was alert and talking the whole time.

Greg Curtis, who did not see the accident, said his wife, 47, was in good condition at Saint Anthony's Central Hospital in Denver. He said she may have to undergo surgery.

"No broken legs, just real bad cuts," he said. "It's a miracle. The paramedic told me the only thing that saved her leg was a decomposed tree underneath her," which apparently kept the rock from crushing her leg.

Man escapes charges

VT BENNINGTON — The federal government will not prosecute the man who sent an envelope of crushed Vicodin from Arizona to the mail earlier this month.

"Once we discovered what it was, it didn't meet the criteria for prosecution," said U.S. Postal Inspector Mark Cavic. He said that only a small quantity of the drug was found. Vicodin is a prescription narcotic painkiller.

Cavic is one of only two U.S. postal inspectors in Vermont, and works in Burlington. He said that both the Scottsdale, Ariz., man who sent the envelope and the Bennington woman he was sending it to have been contacted.

The Vicodin was discovered when it puffed out of an envelope after passing through a sorting machine. Police then closed the Bennington Post Office, evacuated the building, and had employees wait by the loading docks while the powder was analyzed and found to be safe.

Freight train derail

KY ASHLAND — About 20 cars of a freight train derailed in rural northeast Kentucky early Saturday, hitting a natural gas line and forcing about 45 people to evacuate, state police said.

No one was hurt when the CSX train cars left the tracks in Beatyville shortly after midnight, state police dispatcher Rebekah Wright said.

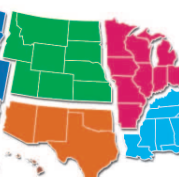
Residents were evacuated because officials smelled gas leaking. Trooper Chris Yavorcik said. The evacuation order lasted only two hours.

State police closed an interstate and bridge, but reopened both within four hours, Yavorcik said.

Unsporting publication

PA BELLE VERNON — Two men were charged with publishing a 10,000-circulation dog-fighting magazine that decreed "champions" in the illegal competitions, raising gambling stakes and stud fees, authorities said.

James Jay Frichione of New York state and John Kelly of Geo-



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

gia were charged in a grand jury investigation stemming from the 2002 arrests of six people on dog-fighting charges in Pennsylvania.

They were each charged with two counts of cruelty to animals and one count each of conspiracy to commit cruelty to animals. In Pennsylvania, cruelty includes promotion of animal fighting. The charges are felonies that carry penalties of up to \$15,000 and seven years in prison.

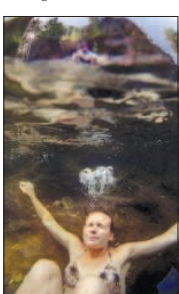
The magazine, Sporting Dog Journal, with subscribers around the world, was allegedly run by Kelly until he sold it to Frichione in 2001, authorities said.

Preserving JFK recording

RI DALLAS — Archivists are trying to preserve and copy what they say is the only sound recording from the moment of John F. Kennedy's assassination, captured by a Dallas police motorcycle radio.

The recording came from a police radio stuck in the "on" position, which relayed sounds of the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination to headquarters where they were etched onto dictation belts. But the recording is too fragile to be played again and has never been authentically copied.

For years researchers have studied inferior copies. Some say the recording shows three shots were fired at Kennedy's motorcade, concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. But others say it shows four shots were fired and conclude Oswald was aided by a second gunman.



Ah, so soothing

The cool waters of Fall Creek, east of Lowell, Ore., prove the perfect refuge from the heat for the Scriber of Eugene, Ore.

Baby neglected

MA SOUTHAMPTON — A state investigation into the abandonment of a newborn girl left critically ill outside a town fire station determined the infant's parents both acted negligently.

No charges have been filed yet against the 17-year-old mother, who was identified by police a few days after the baby was discovered by a passer-by or the unidentified father.

Any charges that result would be filed once prosecutors and city police complete additional reviews.

The infant, named "Baby Angelique" by state workers, was in good health and living with a foster family. The baby will be placed with a member of the mother's family when the relative can clear up a scheduling conflict that does not allow daytime supervision of the baby, Monteiro said.

Breast-feeding popular

HI HONOLULU — Hawaii is the only state where women of all racial populations surpass a target of having 75 percent of mothers breast-feed their newborns, according to the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System of the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It found 91 percent of Caucasian mothers, 89.6 percent of Asian-Pacific moms and 79.8 percent of black mothers in Hawaii start breast-feeding.

State Deputy Health Director Linda Rosen said the number are impressive, but they represent only mothers who initiated breast-feeding. "Recent studies have shown that the number of moms that have continued to breast-feed their babies drops to an average of 53.4 percent after three months," Rosen said.

Don't pop her bubble

VA ROANOKE — Arielle Rossmore didn't walk away with the winner's \$10,000 savings bond after a bubble-blowing contest on NBC's "Weekend Update" show on Saturday, but the 12-year-old from Roanoke felt like a winner just the same.

After all, she got to ride around New York City in a limousine, meet talk-show hosts, see a Broadway show and run wild through a candy store to the tune of \$154.

Arielle blew a 15-inch bubble in her contest against other blowers, and said she had butterflies when she was given a minute, 45 seconds to blow her best bubble.

"I just tried not to blow very fast because it would pop more easily," she said of the outdoor contest in windy conditions.

The winner blew a bubble that measured 18 inches.

Safety department cuts

RI PROVIDENCE — Budget pressures are forcing the city police and fire departments to each pare 25 positions by not filling vacancies. The cuts are among 115 jobs eliminated from the city work force in the new budget approved by the City Council. The chiefs in both departments said they'll maintain minimum-staffing levels by relying more on overtime.



Derby winner

Ricki Lea Murphy, 12, of Mantua, Ohio, won a heat and went on to win the Super Stock division in the All-American Soap Box Derby at Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio.



Triple the fun

Laura Masuda, of Edina, Minn., ties together the legs of her 4-year-old triplets, from left, Hannah, Grace and Tyler, for a four-legged race, one of the events at the annual Triplet Connection Convention in St. Louis.



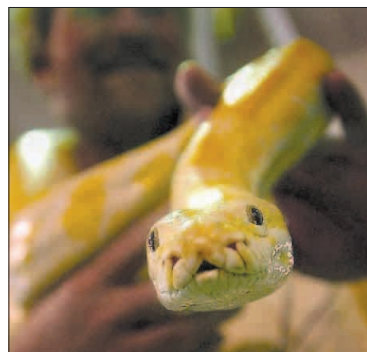
Fall guy

Chad Kiel of Pierre, S.D., flies off his horse in the bareback event at the evening performance of the Days of '76 Rodeo in Deadwood, S.D.



Swept away

The Breybant sisters — Danielle, 6, right, Amanda, 8, center, and Kim, 12 — play in the surf in front of a lifeguard tower at Jones Beach in Wantagh, N.Y.



Look into my eyes

An albino Burmese python looks at the camera during the Lowcountry Reptile and Amphibian Expo in Ladson, S.C.



Pick of the crop

Jorge Patino Jr., 10, reaches for a handful of Lambert cherries while picking the fruit with his family at Bowman Orchards in Yellow Bay, Mont. This year's crop is expected be bigger than last year's.



Rider on the wool

Vaughn Sparkman, 5, of Clute, Texas, hangs tight during his buzzin' mutton bustin' competition ride at Clute's Great Texas Mosquito Festival.

Plane crash kills four

AK ANCHORAGE — Four people heading to a fishing excursion died when their plane crashed near the mouth of an Alaska river, authorities said Saturday.

A Montana family was on board a Cessna 170 that crashed about 6:15 p.m. Friday near the Kustatan River on the west side of Cook Inlet, about 70 miles southwest of Anchorage.

The Cessna was about a half-mile from a landing strip near the river when it stalled, then went down on dry tundra, Alaska State Troopers said.

Troopers identified the dead as Broadview, Mont., residents Joleen Joy Dyess, 38; her husband, William Christopher Dyess, 29; and her daughter Taryn Marie Pitsch, 17. Also killed was the pilot, Christopher Copple, 43, of Kenai.

Vulture protection

MA GARDNER — National Grid U.S.A., the power grid giant that owns Massachusetts Electric Co., is spending \$4.4 million to tackle what the company believes may be the cause of unexplained power outages in the state's electrical grid: turkey vultures.

The company is spending the money to put up spikes and other obstacles on its power lines and electric towers to keep away the famously ugly birds, which have tiny featherless red heads and a wingspan of five feet or more.

Turkey vultures can briefly interrupt electricity when they relieve themselves on the lines or when their wings touch two different electrical lines as they take off.

Veterans get cemetery

ID BOISE — Veterans, top military brass and politicians consecrated 77 acres of uplands north of Boise on Saturday, erasing Idaho's distinction as the only state without an official veterans cemetery.

More than 2,500 people stood silently as four A-10 aircraft soared in a missing-man formation and a replica Civil War cannon boomed from a nearby ridge top.

When it begins accepting remains in October, the cemetery will have room for up to 4,400 graves and 4,280 urns, plus an area to scatter ashes. It eventually will be able to accommodate 25,000 remains.

Height limits unfair

FL SARASOTA — The U.S. Department of Justice has warned Sarasota County officials that they may have acted unfairly against a Muslim group by limiting the height of their proposed mosque.

The County Commission ruled in February that the mosque could be no taller than 40 feet, a restriction not placed on 14 other houses of worship approved by the county since 2002.

The Islamic Society of Sarasota and Bradenton, which for 10 years has met in a private home, has a growing congregation and wants to build a 13,500-square-foot mosque it says is based on Islamic traditions that include two 80-foot-high

minarets.

Islamic Society members say they had not complained to the federal government, but are celebrating the Justice Department's involvement.

Wrong landing place

TX LA MARQUE — Engine failure forced the pilot of a small plane to make an emergency landing on Interstate 45 just outside La Marque on Saturday.

James Robert Shawn, 43, of Pattison was flying from Galveston to Katy when his single-engine Piper Cherokee airplane started having engine trouble.

The engine went dead, and Shawn was able to glide the plane onto the southbound lanes of the interstate about noon, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger. He then taxied off I-45 and onto the frontage road.

No one was injured.

Shawn was traveling with his 38-year-old brother Michael Shawn and his 2-year-old nephew, Socrates Shawn.

The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating.

Raising the ante

RI PROVIDENCE — Casino supporters and opponents promise to spend millions of dollars making their cases to voters.

State lawmakers overrode Gov. Don Carcieri's veto of a bill allowing voters in November to decide if a casino should be built in West Warwick by Harrah's Entertainment.

Harrah's plans an "aggressive educational campaign," costing at least \$2 million and including new radio and television commercials, according to Jan Jones, a Harrah's senior vice president.

On the opposite side of the issue is Lincoln Park, which claims its video-slot business will decline if a casino is built. Park operators could spend "easily up to \$3 million" on their own advertising campaign, spokesman Michael Trainor told The Providence Sunday Journal.

Voters "are going to be bombarded with messages," said Darrell West, a Brown University political science professor.

Cops' charges dropped

MI DETROIT — A federal judge dropped charges against the remaining seven police officers in a corruption case that once involved 19 present and former officers. Only three of the 19 were found guilty.

On May 20, a federal court jury acquitted eight Detroit police officers of charges that they conspired to violate suspects' civil rights by lying, falsifying reports and planting evidence.

Earlier, three officers pleaded guilty to reduced charges, and charges were dismissed against a fourth.

As a result of the May acquittals, the U.S. attorney's office earlier this month asked U.S. District Judge Avera Cohn to dismiss the charges against the seven remaining defendants. Cohn did so but praised the federal government's efforts.

Photos and stories from wire services

'Megan's Law' mom reflects on loss, legacy

BY DONNA DE LA CRUZ

The Associated Press

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Megan Kanka would have been 17 this summer, anticipating her senior year in high school. Her mother often wonders what her family's life would have been like if her youngest child had not become a tragic icon.

"You always think about what she would look like. What would she be doing, would she be out with her friends, would she have a boyfriend?" said Maureen Kanka during a recent interview.

It was July 29, 1994, when 7-year-old Megan disappeared, shortly after 6:30 p.m. A frantic search ended 23 hours later, when the Kankas' neighbor across the street, Jesse Timmendaeus, confessed to police that he had lured Megan into his home with the promise of seeing a puppy, then sexually assaulted and strangled her before dumping her body in a nearby park.

It was soon learned that Timmendaeus had a prison record for assaulting another child.

New Jersey enacted what came to be known as "Megan's Law," and other states followed suit. In 1996, President Clinton signed a federal version of the law, which allows the public access to certain information about high-risk or serious sex offenders, including where they live.

The 10 years since Megan's death have gone by in a blur, Kanka said: coping with the grief, raising two older children, running the foundation named after Megan. After years of counseling, the family has remained together. Kanka and her husband, Richard, will celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary in August.

Working nearly every day with the Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation is a constant reminder of the tragedy. But she takes comfort in the fact that her daughter



Maureen Kanka, at her home in Hamilton Township, N.J., often wonders what her family's life would be like if her youngest child, Megan, had not been killed 10 years ago by a convicted sex offender in a house across the street from where they had lived safely for 15 years. She takes comfort in the fact that her daughter will forever be remembered through "Megan's Law," now in effect in all 50 states.

will forever be remembered through Megan's Law — and that potential offenders are on the defensive.

"Pedophiles and rapists don't like me much," she said.

Kanka believes the law could be stronger if it were uniformly enforced nationwide. Currently, the law is enforced differently in each state, with some laws tougher than others. She was horrified to learn that pedo-

philes often research which states have the weaker laws.

She wants New Jersey's Megan's Law re-examined to tighten its risk assessment requirements — guidelines that determine if a sex offender's name is made public. Kanka also is pushing for an advisory board that would oversee the state's Internet registry site.

"I know that we've made an impact," she

said. But there are still regrets.

"We lost out on so much with our other kids, just going through the grief process and just the loss," she said.

The 10th anniversary will be marked privately by the family with a visit to Megan's grave, and then to the small park that was built when Timmendaeus' home was purchased by the local Rotary Club and then razed.

"The park is like a double-edged sword — I'm grateful that I at least don't have to physically see the house, but it's very hard because that is where she was killed," she said.

Timmendaeus was sentenced to death in 1997. He remains at New Jersey State Prison in Trenton. He declined to be interviewed.

With Megan's Law enacted and the trial over, her family focused inward. In 1998, Maureen Kanka sought counseling for her husband and son followed. Her daughter just began her counseling sessions.

Kanka credits the help and her faith for getting her through these 10 years.

"After Megan died I became very spiritual because I really had a contact with God," she said, adding that she also finds comfort in the numerous ceramic angels on display in her home that her daughter and strangers gave her after Megan died.

Her work with the foundation keeps her focused. She doesn't know how long she will work with the foundation, but says she doesn't know what she would do instead.

"How do you go from doing something that you know has made an impact and has changed the lives of people and has really been a benefit to doing something routine?" she said. "How do you do that?"

She also continues her speaking engagements, which are limited to New Jersey these days. She speaks on how to keep children safe, stressing to parents the importance of talking constantly with their children about issues such as "stranger danger" and "good touch/bad touch."

"It's constant reinforcement, I tell parents that's being a nag," she said. "That's a label I wear proudly, I would wear it across my forehead. That's the sign of a caring parent."

Scientists say eau de dead shark keeps live ones away

Repellent tests effective on animal, may one day protect them, humans

BY IAN JAMES

The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Excited by the scent of blood, a dozen sharks dart about in a frenzy as a researcher dips a pole in the sea and squirts out a clear, yellowish substance. Within seconds, the sharks jerk their snouts away and vanish.

Researchers say they finally have found a potent repellent to drive away sharks, after testing off Bimini island in the Bahamas.

It's a goal that's eluded scientists for decades.

If proven effective, the repellent could help protect divers, surfers and swimmers. But researchers say that would require much more study. First they hope it can protect sharks in the clear worldwide due to overfishing — by reducing the numbers caught needlessly by long-line commer-

cial fishermen.

"You introduce this chemical, and they all leave," said lead researcher Eric Stroud, a 30-year-old chemical engineer from Oak Ridge, N.J. "It works very, very well."

The repellent, called A-2 because it was the second recipe tried, is derived from extracts of dead sharks that Stroud gathered at New Jersey fish markets and piers. Fishermen and scientists have long noted sharks stay away if they smell a dead shark.

"We have something that really works, but research remains," said Samuel Gruber, a University of Miami marine biologist and shark expert who is helping conduct tests at the Bimini Biological Field Station.

Tests have found the repellent effective on four species: the Caribbean reef, blacknose, nurse and lemon sharks. Studies are needed

on other species such as the great white, makos and oceanic whitetip.

Gruber said the repellent seems to carry a chemical messenger that triggers a flight reaction. He said more studies are needed to pinpoint the active molecule among a dozen or so.

A dose of 4 fluid ounces is enough to scare away feeding sharks, Stroud said, keeping them away from a fish head for two hours with just a few drops per minute. In contrast, sharks didn't respond to a red dye in control tests.

The researchers presented their work in May during a meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in Norman, Okla. Films of their tests captured images of sharks splashing the surface as they turn to flee.

They hope to make a slow-dis-



Researchers test a shark repellent on a lemon shark in July at the Bimini Biological Field Station in South Bimini, Bahamas. The scientists hope their creation can protect sharks — in decline worldwide — by reducing the numbers caught needlessly by commercial fishermen.

solving repellent for use in baits and fishing nets, and to guard equipment on submarines and oil exploration vessels that sharks have damaged in the past.

Anti-shark items on the market now include cages, steel mesh suits and a device called the Shark Shield, which when worn by divers or surfers emits an elec-

tric field. The device's Australian maker acknowledges it can't guarantee total effectiveness.

In most cases, the danger of attack is extremely slight. The International Shark Attack File, at the Florida Museum of Natural History, recorded 55 unprovoked attacks worldwide last year, including four deaths.



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the lower 60s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the lower to mid-70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s to mid-80s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

France: Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the 60s.

Northern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 80s and lows in the upper 50s to mid-60s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers in the afternoon. Highs in the lower to mid-80s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-70s and lows in the lower 60s.

Northern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 80s and lows in the mid to upper 60s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Norway: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid-70s and lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the north. Highs in the upper 80s in the south, mid to upper 50s elsewhere. Lows in the lower 70s in the south and on the northern coast, lower 50s elsewhere.

Turkey: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s in the north, lower 90s elsewhere. Lows in the upper 70s in the south, upper 60s elsewhere.



AFRICA

Cape Town	83	46	Mogadishu	83	79
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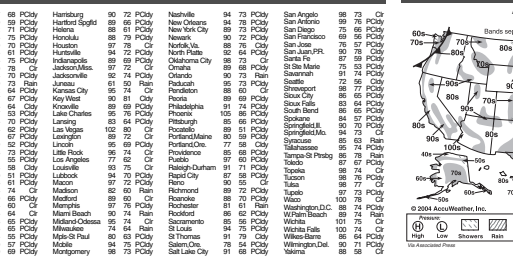
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Sunrise (Frankfurt)	0558	0600
Sunset (London)	2145	2144
Sunset (Frankfurt)	2155	2103

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TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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Atlanta	86	64	Columbus, Ohio	86	73
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Baltimore	86	67	Copius City	96	75
Birmingham	86	67	Dallas-Ft. Worth	92	78
Boston	86	64	Dayton Beach	92	78
Boulder	86	64	Dayton	92	78
Buffalo	86	64	Denver	87	67
Butte	86	64	Des Moines	89	71
Cambridge	86	64	El Paso	89	71
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Chicago	86	64	Fort Smith	89	71
Cincinnati	86	64	Fort Wayne	89	71
Columbus, Ga.	86	64	Goodland	89	71
Columbus, Ohio	86	64	Grand Junction	89	71
Crawford	86	64	Grand Rapids	89	71
Dallas-Ft. Worth	86	64	Green Bay	89	71
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FACES 'IN' PLACES

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Funny girl Greer's career on the rise with serious turn in 'The Village'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fans of the Fox comedy "Arrested Development" will recognize Judy Greer for her recurring role as flighty, slightly insane secretary Kitty. Now Greer is playing another character named Kitty in a very different setting.

She's one of the frightened residents in "The Village," the new thriller from M. Night Shyamalan about an insular town surrounded by dark forces in the woods in 1897 Pennsylvania.

It's a big shift for the actress best known for her comic supporting roles. She played Jennifer Garner's mean-girl best friend in "13 Going on 30," Adam Goldberg's sidekick in the parody "The Hebrew Hammer" and Jennifer Lopez's ditzy assistant in "The Wedding Planner."

But she's also had some pivotal, serious roles: the waitress who becomes the object of Nicolas Cage's obsession in "Adaptation" and the mousy office clerk who's planning to kill herself, until Mel Gibson stops her, in "What Women Want."

With about a half-dozen movies and a TV pilot in the next year or so, including Cameron Crowe's latest, "Elizabethtown," Greer's career is very much alive. She talked with The Associated Press in a slightly phone interview from her Los Angeles home.

Q We can't talk about "The Village" that much — it's all very hush-hush to avoid giving away any secrets. But did you see the twist coming?

A No! But I'm clueless. I had to watch the end of "The Sixth Sense" three times and I'm totally not joking. He's what? He's dead? I didn't see "The Village" twist coming and I was like, no way! He's totally outdone himself.

Q This movie is very different from the previous ones you've acted in. How did you prepare for it?

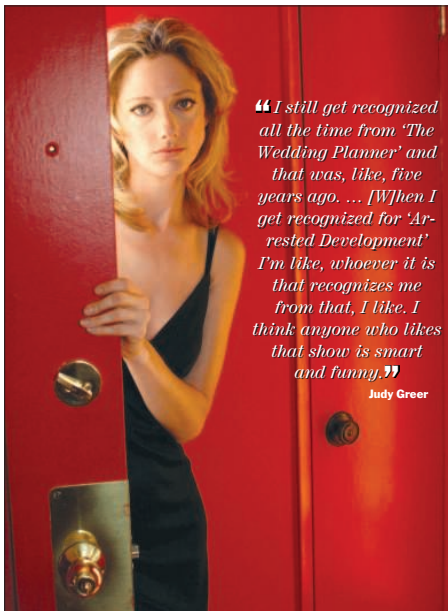
I don't tend to do a lot of preparation, which could change depending on what's expected of me. He had us come out two weeks early. We rehearsed, we lived together. We went to movie star boot camp where we learned about the period — different speakers in the morning would teach us class, then we rehearsed in the afternoon. We went swimming, canoeing, we lived in tents, we couldn't bring our cell phones. ... I'll tell you one thing, you put on a corset, it changes everything. Right now I'm sitting on the bed cross-legged with a cup of coffee, hunched over. A corset forces you to sit up straight, and when you sit up straight it changes your character. It's the same difference between flip-flops and Manolo Blahniks — it changes the way you walk, and when you change the way you walk, you change the way you are.

Q Shyamalan told me he brought you in as comic relief, to provide much-needed levity. Was making this film sometimes unbearable?

We had so much fun! He's right about that — my scenes are funny. And then when we shot stuff that was not funny, we were still laughing, jumping up and down, running around.

Q Did it ever get spooky shooting out there in the woods?

There's one scene we shot many, many takes of, and in the beginning I was pretty scared but after a while we were back to our old



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Judy Greer

Actress Judy Greer poses for a photo in her Los Angeles home on July 19. As she waits to revive her role as the slightly insane secretary on the second season of Fox's "Arrested Development," the actress reflects on her turn in M. Night Shyamalan's "The Village."

antics. We were totally in the middle of nowhere in a great, big, giant bubble. It was like a scary movie biosphere.

Q When you were shooting "The Wedding Planner," was there just an insane amount of media and paparazzi following Jennifer Lopez?

It was actually worse for Jennifer Garner. "The Wedding Planner" was a long time ago. ... I don't remember having problems with paparazzi at all — not like with Jennifer Garner. We were shooting in New York and it was insane. There was paparazzi taking her picture standing literally behind the Steadicam operator. She was going through her divorce at the time so she had to look all happy all the time — they were dying to get pictures of her looking sad.

Q When people recognize you, is it for "Arrested Development" or one of your movies?

I still get recognized all the time from "The Wedding Planner" and that was, like, five years ago, but it is on cable a lot. And when I get recognized for "Arrested Development" I'm like, whoever it is that recognizes me from that, I like. I think anyone who likes that show is smart and funny.

Q The show just got nominated for a bunch of Emmys, including best comedy, and it's coming back for a second season. Was that a surprise, considering that it's gotten critical praise but the ratings haven't been astronomical?

As [co-star] Will Arnett points out, it has the highest TV rating, if there is such a thing. ... I guess I wasn't surprised it was coming back to a lot of people were. When I'm out and about and working, people talk about it all the time. I would have been shocked if hadn't come back.

Q The humor is so dry and deadpan — how do you keep from cracking up during shooting?

I haven't figured that one out yet, so maybe that's why I'm not a series regular. [Laughing.]

Q What else do you want to do that you haven't done?

I'm a little burned out. I need a little vacation. I'm doing a pilot — I'll be shooting it in October — called "Nearly Nirvana." It's about a white girl who lives with her Indian boyfriend and we're graduating from medical school and I find out I'm pregnant and he realizes he doesn't want to go into medicine and his parents come and move in with us. It's sort of my attempt at a leading lady role.

Estefan ready for tour's end

Kicking off her final concert tour, Cuban-American singer Gloria Estefan said she can't wait to spend more time with her family when it's all over.

Although I feel very energetic and I'm really in great shape, it's like boot camp, being on the road, singing live," Estefan said.

Her first stop in her "Live and Wrapped" tour was in McAllen, Texas.

The tour concludes Sept. 25 in Miami, where the 46-year-old singer lives with her husband, producer Emilio Estefan.



Estefan

Paper angry at Moore

Filmmaker Michael Moore's Bush-basing documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" has apparently upset more than Republicans.

The Pentagraph newspaper in Bloomington, Ill., said Friday it sent a letter to Moore and the film's distributor, Lions Gate Entertainment Corp., asking for an apology for using what it said was a doctored front page.

A scene early in the movie shows newspaper headlines related to the contested 2000 presidential election. It includes a shot of The Pentagraph's Dec. 19, 2001, front page, with the prominent headline, "Latest Florida recount shows Gore won election."

The paper said the headline appeared in a Dec. 5, 2001, edition but was not used on the front page. Instead, it was found in much smaller type above a letter to the editor, which the paper says reflects "only the opinions of the letter writer."

Get a piece of the mob

The family of reputed mob boss Joseph Bonanno Sr. is selling clothing that once belonged to the deceased gangster.

Bonanno died in Tucson, Ariz., in May 2002 of natural causes at age 97. The family moved from New York City in 1968.

The assorted clothing, including designer ties, are being sold on eBay.



Art Garfunkel, left, and Paul Simon
Simon & Garfunkel farewell

With the Roman Colosseum as a backdrop, singers Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel performed a free concert Saturday before hundreds of thousands of fans to close out the European leg of their Old Friends tour.

Rome Mayor Walter Veltroni told the crowd that about 600,000 people had turned out for the performance.

The European tour started in Manchester, England, on July 14 and took the pair to 10 other cities before Rome.

Simon and Garfunkel's hits include "Sound of Silence" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Sometimes, it's hard to get organized when the moon is void of course, but the Leo sun urges us to shoot from the hip, undaunted by such nuisances as preparation and planning. The result is, you just might get a lot done in a short burst of time. You also might blunder in such a way that causes a lot of extra work. It's better than doing nothing.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(August 3). You embrace your destiny this year and mingle through the next four weeks, getting to know more people who influence the goals you set and help you make them happen.

Love relationships require you to be flexible this fall — some of you will even move to be with a sweet-heart. A windfall in May has to do with family connections.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Self-discipline is high, and even the most hectic of schedules happens in an orderly manner. You can get a team of people to agree to a solitary aim, and everything gets accomplished quickly, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Excitement is in the world of finance.

You come up with solutions to your money problems but are even more effective helping others. Why does it seem like romance cost so much money? Maybe it's the person you're pursuing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're right in tune with the times, as usual. But don't let your hip approach and need to be on the cutting edge lead you into the path of temptation. Be extra vigilant in guarding against your most destructive tendency.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whatever you volunteer for brings love into your realm. You're especially drawn to a Virgo or Sagittarius.

Tonight, time with the family is rich or frustrating depending on whether or not you criticize loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You feel you can do anything. Make the most of this invincible mood. Your association with Sagittarius will help you improve your focus and direc-

tion. The most important thing is not to second-guess yourself once you're decided.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Events go as intended, but the faces involved change. Be open to letting people flow in or out of your plans.

Accurate assumptions put you ahead in love and in business.

Join a group to enlarge your network.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

The last thing you want to do today is anything that you should be doing. Breaking the rules is thrilling, and your rebel spirit seems to feed you with the energy you need to conquer your immediate

obstacles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When your confidence is high, everything else about you clicks in. You become a magnet for interest from interesting people. Don't tell people how intelligent you are — show them. There's nothing worse than a know-it-all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Recent weeks have tossed many a fascination into your path, lending a broader view of the world. Since no one can do it all, let today be about choosing one or two prime targets to concentrate your energy on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

A partner is very persuasive, but you should stick to your guns. Trouble follows any decision against your inner wisdom. You may have to pick up the slack for someone unreliable, and this really bugs you. Raise the standards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Persistence pays off. You could finally get a grant or loan, or put a stalled project back on track. In any case, you're the hero of the hour. You may not know it for several months, but what you do affects your career long term.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Your mind is quicker than you realize.

You often assume that everyone is like you, and that assumption is untrue. Never take it for granted that you are being understood. Go out of your way to communicate your thoughts.

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Jump Start



Zits



Cathy



Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Red and Rover



Better or Worse



Peanuts



Why living wills are a must-have

Dear Abby: In a recent column I noted the comments of a reader and your response concerning the need to have a will and a living will. As an elder law attorney, I feel strongly that my clients should have two additional documents in place: a health care proxy and a durable power of attorney.

I have, in my practice of the last 25 years, concluded that the single most important document a client can have is a durable power of attorney that were raised in your reader's letter could be addressed if someone has the power of attorney. This document, like the others, can be as broad or as narrow as the individual giving the power of attorney wishes. It is not a relinquishing of authority, but rather a granting of parallel authority, and can easily be revoked.

In a similar fashion, a health care proxy provides the opportunity for someone to interact with

health care providers should the incapacitated individual be unable to make his/her own decisions.

— Lawrence S. Graham, Greenville, N.C.
Dear Lawrence: Thank you for educating my readers — and me — about these important documents.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: Please remind your readers that a living will is not only very important, but a person should also carry a copy while traveling. My husband and I have "pre-packed" copies of our living wills in our suitcase so they are always available. Imagine being thousands of miles from home when a crisis arises and those important documents are desperately needed.

— Anne M., Alexandria, VA

Dear Anne: That's an interesting idea. It never hurts to be prepared.

Marriage satisfying without sex

Dear Annie: I am a newlywed, married for four months. I am 48, and my husband, "Gary," is 50. Gary is my dream come true — very affectionate and attentive. He's a hard worker and helps out with chores around the house and yard. He has a great sense of humor, and we enjoy being together, traveling, visiting friends, family, etc. We rarely argue. The only thing missing is a sex life.

Annie's Mailbox



I believe I could live like this for the rest of my life.

Do you think anything is wrong with us? With so much emphasis placed on the importance of frequent physical intimacy, I am curious if others have successful and happy marriages in spite of the lack

of bedroom frolics.

in Washington

Dear Happy: There is no law saying how often a couple must have sex. The only issue is compatibility. If you and Gary both are satisfied with your sex life, there is no reason you cannot have a long and happy marriage, regardless of how often, or how infrequently, you engage in intimate relations.

Dear Annie: My husband is

Dear Abby: I read with interest your response to the gentleman who was trying to convince family and friends to complete a living will before they need one. As a nurse for many years, I concur wholeheartedly. No one wakes up in the morning planning to have an accident, or a heart attack, or some other life-threatening condition. Too many times, doctors and nurses are faced with a family divided on what they "think" our patient would want — or not want. Combine this with the shock and grief these people are experiencing, and the situation becomes volatile.

— Former Surgical Nurse, Virginia Beach, VA

Dear Former Nurse: Thank you for speaking from the perspective of someone who has been in the trenches and seen it firsthand.

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retired and financially comfortable, but spends quite a bit of time at the local casino. He doesn't win much, but he thoroughly enjoys himself. I also am retired and spend quite a bit of money helping one of my daughters who is single with three young children. My other children think this is unfair. They say we are spending their inheritance. Are they right?

— Well-Off Mom

Dear Mom: You do not owe your children an inheritance. It's your money to do with as you please. We will caution you, however, that giving substantial amounts to one child and not the others (no matter how deserving) can build resentment and create a rift between the siblings that will never heal. Be careful.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: EXPEL MOUSY GRISLY CRAYON Answer: What it cost the king to educate his sons — "PRINCELY" SUMS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Family Circus



"Daddy's pictures will be better than these 'cause we'll be in them."

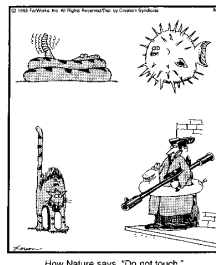


Dennis the Menace



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The Far Side



Non Sequitur





Gabino Cue, candidate for Oaxaca state governor, contends that he is the winner of the race Sunday in Oaxaca City, Mexico, despite poll numbers that had his opposition Ulises Ruiz in the lead. Cue accused Ruiz and state officials of stealing just enough votes to win.

AP

Fox opposition claims two key victories in Mexican elections

By JOHN RICE

The Associated Press

OAXACA, Mexico — The party that long ruled Mexico was claiming two tight but important electoral victories on Monday, holding the Oaxaca state governorship and taking back the northern metropolis of Tijuana that President Vicente Fox's National Action party has won for 15 years.

If the apparent victories survive opposition legal challenges, they would boost the presidential ambitions of Roberto Madrazo, leader of the Institutional Party, or PRI, ahead of the 2006 race.

The PRI held Mexico's presidency for 71 years before losing it to Fox in the 2000 election.

Hundreds of PRI supporters

marched Sunday through the colonial heart of Oaxaca, even though the party was still trailing by several percentage points in the official count.

By dawn, with about 90 percent of the vote counted, the PRI's Ulises Ruiz led with 47.2 percent to 44.7 percent for opposition candidate Gabino Cue. The results will be legally certified within the week, likely determining a winner.

Cue insisted that he had won the election, accusing Ruiz and state officials of stealing just enough votes to win.

"The triumph is ours. ... We are going to defend it vote by vote," he said early Monday.

Ruiz disagreed, claiming victory for himself.

Along the U.S. border, flamboyant gambling baron Jorge Hank

Rhon of the PRI held an even narrower lead Monday morning. With 89 percent of the vote counted, he led 47.5 percent to 46.4 percent over Jorge Ramos of National Action.

A Hank victory would shock Fox's party, which has governed Tijuana and the rest of Baja California state for 15 years.

Baja California was the first state since 1929 to elect a non-PRI governor, preparing the way for Fox's historic presidential victory in 2000.

Oaxaca also is important because the party has lost several key states in southern Mexico, which has long been considered the center of strength both for the PRI and for Madrazo personally.



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Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Squandering inheritances

CBS MarketWatch.com

BOSTON — Where there's a will, there are many ways.

Seniors who want to leave a legacy often think in terms of cold hard cash, for good reason. An estimated \$41 trillion to \$136 trillion will pass from one generation to the next between now and this century's mid-point.

But anyone who wants to create a legacy that lasts ought to broaden the definition of inheritance to address human, intellectual and social capital.

"It's a peculiar reality of all cultures," says Jay Hughes, author of "Family Wealth — Keeping It in the Family." "Wealth tends to disappear within three generations. It's deep in the human condition."

Hughes says there are four reasons why a sum of money left to heirs is often squandered.

First, money follows the second law of thermodynamics. The law of entropy suggests that everything (including a family's

money) is proceeding back to a state of disorder or dissipation. One generation creates the wealth, another spends it, and by the third generation, the money is gone.

The second reason is that most heirs use an "if-you-do-this-for-us, we'll-do-this-for-you" approach to distributing their family's wealth. Attached strings tend to have a bad outcome.

Third, families that view life as a series of transactions tend to have trouble transferring wealth. By contrast, those who've succeeded in passing down their wealth, such as the Rockefellers and Rothschilds, viewed life as a series of long-linked transactions.

Fourth, most families tend to view themselves as families of blood rather than families of affinity. Families of blood often create closed systems that produce negative energy. By contrast, families of affinity create open-architecture systems that produce positive energy.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1,2380
British pound	\$1.88
Japanese yen (Aug 8)	188.00
S. Korean won (Aug 3)	1,138.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.8263
Canada (dollar)	1.3786
Denmark (krone)	6.1627
Egypt (pound)	6.21
Euro	\$1.2061
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.8002
Hungary (forint)	206.48
Iceland (krona)	11.54
Israel (shekel)	4.5147
Japan (yen)	111.06
Kuwait (dinar)	0.2947
Norway (kroner)	4.9697
Philippines (peso)	55.59
Saudi Arabia (riyal)	1.9295
Singapore (dollar)	1.7185
S. Korea (won)	1,186.45
Switzerland (franc)	1.7131
Thailand (baht)	41.32
Turkey (lira)	1,470,588.00

PRECIOUS METALS

London close	
Gold	\$793.25
Silver	\$6.61

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	1.1125
3-month bill	1.425
30-year bond	5.20

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com



Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens (81) works an agility drills Saturday at the team's training facility.

So far, Owens is happy camper

BY ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Terrell Owens argued with coaches, criticized teammates and threw tantrums whenever he was unhappy in San Francisco.

The four-time Pro Bowl wide receiver knows those antics won't be tolerated in Philadelphia. It doesn't mean he wants the ball any less.

"They brought me here to make plays," Owens said Sunday. "They wouldn't have brought me here otherwise. They know the talent I have."

The flamboyant, outspoken Owens came to the Eagles in a three-team trade with the 49ers and Baltimore Ravens in March. He gives quarterback Donovan McNabb the No. 1 target he's sorely lacked, and could be the final piece the offense needs to get to the Super Bowl after three straight losses in the NFC championship game.

Owens averaged 93 receptions, 1,316 yards and 13 touchdowns the past four seasons while feuding with teammates, coaches, the 49ers' front office and the media. Philadelphia's starting receivers last year — James Thrash and Todd Pinkston — combined for 85 catches, 1,133 yards and three TDs.

But Eagles coach Andy Reid prefers a balanced attack on offense, spreading the ball around to multiple receivers and running the ball often.

"I'm pretty sure that I'm not going to get a lot of balls like I got in San Francisco, but it's the ones that I get that I make due with," Owens said. "A lot of people criticize me about griping about not getting a lot of passes and having 100-catch seasons. I've only had one 100-catch season. I can do with 80 catches what a guy can do with 100 catches."

Owens' relationship with McNabb already is better than the one he had with former 49ers

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Terrell Owens
Eagles WR

quarterback Jeff Garcia. Owens spent time in offseason at McNabb's home in Arizona, working on pass routes and getting to know the four-time Pro Bowl quarterback.

"He likes to have a good time," Owens said. "I've noticed how he has brought a little character out of me. I can be known as a little serious or a little standoffish but I like to have fun. With a guy like Donovan, he definitely rubs off on me a little bit."

McNabb has made it known he won't let Owens get out of line. "It is good to have an ego and be confident in yourself, but it is bad to have an ego when you're trying to express it to all the guys around you," McNabb said. "I don't think we have that problem."

After eight sometimes controversial seasons with San Francisco, Owens was supposed to be a free agent March 3. But his agent, David Joseph, failed to file papers voiding the final years of his contract by a Feb. 21 deadline.

The 49ers then dealt Owens to the Ravens on March 4, after he had agreed to a contract with the Eagles. Owens protested the trade and insisted he wanted to play in Philadelphia. The three teams agreed to a trade before an arbitrator could rule on the case.

Several Ravens, including star linebacker Ray Lewis, were upset by Owens' decision. Lewis even warned Owens not to go over the middle when the teams play a preseason game in Philadelphia on Aug. 20.

Owens isn't worried. "I made my living across the middle, so it doesn't bother me," he said. "He's not the hardest hitter to play the game of football, although he's definitely a great talent."

Owens set an NFL record with 20 receptions in a game against Chicago on Dec. 17, 2000, and joins Indianapolis' Marvin Harrison as the only receivers with more than 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns over the past four seasons.

But Owens' behavior sometimes overshadowed his accomplishments. Two years ago, he pulled out a pen and signed a ball after scoring a touchdown in Seattle. He wasn't fined for the move, but was severely chastised by Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who said he would be disciplined for future stunts.

Owens also once precipitated a melee during a game by dancing on the Dallas Cowboys' star at midfield of Texas Stadium after scoring.

He threw a sideline tantrum during a game against Cleveland last season, and lost it again the following week against Minnesota, chewing out offensive coordinator Greg Knapp after the 49ers were stopped on a fourth-and-1 running play.

In his first news conference at training camp, the stoic Reid warned that players have to do "check" their egos at the door, a possible reference to Owens' personality.

"I've never really thought of myself as having an ego," Owens said. "I've always found myself as having a lot of confidence. I know I have a lot of great ability. I know what I bring to the table."

No. 3 pick Fitzgerald signs with Cardinals

The Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, the third overall pick in April's NFL Draft, agreed to a six-year contract worth up to \$60 million with the Arizona Cardinals on Monday.

About \$20 million is guaranteed money, said a source close to the negotiations, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Fitzgerald missed Monday morning's practice in pads, but was expected for the afternoon half of the first two-a-days of training camp.

The agreement came four days after quarterback Eli Manning and offensive lineman Robert Gallery, the only players drafted ahead of Fitzgerald in April, signed with their teams. Manning also received a \$20 million signing bonus from the New York Giants.

Fitzgerald, a former ball boy for Minnesota, was new Cardinals coach Dennis Green was coaching the Vikings, left the University of Pittsburgh after his sophomore year. In 26 college games, he finished third in Pitt history in catches (161) and fourth in yards receiving (2,677).

The 6-foot-2, 223-pound wide out, considered one of the most physical and gifted receivers to come out of college in years, was Green's choice for the first round selection from the time Green agreed in January to coach the Cardinals.

The Cardinals were criticized for passing up the quarterbacks available, but Green never wavered.

Cardinals release starting center Kendall

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals released center Pete Kendall on Sunday, less than three weeks after new coach Dennis Green installed the eight-year veteran as a starter.

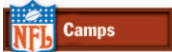
Kendall, who signed with Arizona as an unrestricted free agent in 2001, started 23 games and left guard his first two years with the Cardinals and 13 at center last season. After separating a shoulder Dec. 7 at San Francisco, Kendall got in on just one play in the final three contests.

Green sidestepped questions about why Kendall was dropped and whether the move was related to player complaints about the intensity of summer workouts.

The NFL made the Cardinals forfeit their final week of workouts last month after a group of players complained to the union that the team had violated league rules by working the players too hard.

Green, hired to rebuild a 4-12 team after coach Dennis Green was fired, said he wasn't going after whistleblowers.

"From the very first day, I've said that the team has not played as well as they could play, that's that the team," Green said. "Along that way, no one should be surprised at anything."



Green was critical of Arizona's offensive line after watching last season's game film.

He already demoted tackle L.J. Shelton from the first unit.

CB Carroll signs with Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers signed their first-round draft pick, cornerback Ahmad Carroll, on Monday just before veterans reported for the official start of training camp.

Carroll, the 25th overall selection from Arkansas, will compete for a starting job.

Mike McKenzie, the starter on the left side for the past five seasons, is holding out and is seeking a trade. McKenzie, who has three years left on his contract, is subject to daily fines of \$5,000 during his absence.

Lions sign top pick Williams

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Receiver Roy Williams arrived in Lions camp Sunday after agreeing to a five-year deal with Detroit.

Williams, the seventh overall pick out of Texas, was the only player who did not report when the team began training camp Friday. He did not take part in practice Sunday but will be in uniform on Monday.

Sunday was the first time the Lions practiced in full pads since last season. Rookie running back Kevin Jones took some of the hardest hits of the day, but wasn't backing down. He knocked over cornerback Dre Bly at the end of one play. He said being a marked man is somewhat of a confidence booster.

"It feels good to know guys are gunning for you," he said.

Blister will sideline Vick a day

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick won't practice Monday because of a blister on his throwing hand.

Vick practiced twice Sunday, but following a two-hour workout in the evening, Falcons coach Jim Mora said the quarterback needs to give a blister on his left thumb time to heal.

Broncos' Bell has surgery on broken finger

DENVER — Denver Broncos running back Tatum Bell will miss Friday, a day after breaking his finger in his first day of training camp.

Two pins were inserted into his right middle finger to stabilize the fracture, Broncos spokesman Jim Saccomano said. Bell's hand will be immobilized for a few days before he begins rehabilitation.

Saccomano said it was too early to know how much time Bell would miss.

"Seeing anything dramatic will be premature. We just have to wait a few days," Saccomano said.

Singh holds off Daly, Tiger to win second Buick Open

BY LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

GRAND BLANC, Mich. — Even before the Buick Open leaders started the final round, the sights and sounds were interesting.

When Vijay Singh walked to the driving range, John Daly playfully chipped a shot at him. The crowd thought it was hilarious, and both players did, too.

Later, Singh took a break to watch Daly clear a fence 290 yards away.

"We're good friends, but it was serious once we got out there," Singh said.

It was, at least, after they shared more laughs on and around the first tee.

Then, the smiles disappeared for the most part, and Singh showed — again — why he's one of the best players in the world.

Singh outlasted Daly on Sunday, closing with a 5-under 67 for his fourth victory of the year and the 19th on the PGA Tour. The big Fijian finished at 23-under 265.

Daly, vying for multiple victories in a year for the first time, finished a stroke back after shooting a 66 — and bogeying the 18th hole.

"It was fun, but it was also a lot of work," Singh said.

In his last tournament before the PGA Championship in two weeks, Tiger Woods shot a 66 to tie Carlos Franco (67) for third at 21 under.

"I play that well and not win is frustrating," said Woods, who will look to snap his streak without a major victory at nine at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin.

A massive gallery roared when Daly was introduced at the first tee, and just politely clapped for

Golf roundup

Singh in a preview of what was to come.

As they walked down the first fairway, Singh patted Daly on the back and both chuckled as fans hooted and hollered best wishes toward Daly.

Singh seemed to get a kick out of the rock-star reception for Daly, and later said it motivated him.

"The more they made noise, the more calm I became," he said.

Singh's bogey at 18 created an opportunity for Daly to force a playoff, but Daly was unable to take advantage of the break.

"I told him, 'You know, I'm sorry that somebody had to win,'" Singh said.

Singh is just the third two-time Buick Open champion, and the first since Julius Boros in 1967. Tony Lema won at Warwick Hills a second straight time in 1965.

Singh had 10 previous top-10 finishes this year, but since winning consecutive tournaments three months ago, he had just two top-fives. He was 28th in the U.S. Open, 20th in the British Open.

The Fijian played well in the Buick Open after changing putters, going back to a standard version after using a long one for 2½ years.

"The way I putted for the last two months, I could not possibly have putted worse," he said.

Singh also said earlier in the week that he stopped worrying about chasing Woods in the world rankings, in which Woods is No. 1 and Singh is third.

Singh won his seventh straight tournament when he at least

shared the lead after 54 holes, dating to the 2002 Houston Open.

The final round turned into virtual match play between Singh and Daly.

"We were in it all the way," Daly said. "I was either 1-up, or he was 1-up."

Daly made an eagle from 142 yards at the par-4 No. 2, causing the crowd to erupt with applause as he pulled into a tie at 19 under. He took the lead with a birdie on the third hole and kept a one-shot lead until Singh's birdie at No. 12 knotted them at 22 under.

"I got to a better start that I thought I could, but Vijay kept coming back," Daly said. "You aren't going to rattle many guys on this tour, but especially not guys like Vijay, Tiger and Phil [Mickelson]."

Singh went ahead by a shot with a birdie at 14 — reaching 23 under — and was able to maintain a one-shot edge the rest of the way.

He got into trouble on the final hole, but his second shot out of the rough landed on the green close enough to set up a two-putt, which was just enough to win because Daly missed a 6-footer for par.

Daly is an undisputed crowd favorite despite — or perhaps because of — his alcohol and personal problems, and his booming drives the tee.

"They have stuck with me through thick and thin," he said. "It's awesome to play good for my fans."

Jim Furyk, the 2003 winner who shared the second-round lead with Singh, finished at 17 under after a 68.

Sore hip doesn't slow Jacobson on 36-hole final day

ST. LOUIS — Peter Jacobson's



John Daly reacts to missing a birdie putt on the 14th green during the Buick Open on Sunday. Daly finished with a 6-under-par 66 and a 22-under 266 total overall, and one stroke behind winner Vijay Singh.

sore hip nearly kept him out of the U.S. Senior Open. Nothing, not even playing 36 holes in one day, could keep him from winning the title.

Jacobson shot a 3-under 68 over the final 18 holes Sunday and was 12 under for the tournament to finish one stroke ahead of Hale Irwin. Jacobson was able to rally past Tom Kite, who played 4 over for the last four holes — including a double-bogey on the 18th.

Jacobson was forced to pull out of two previous tournaments, losing hip surgery, because the pain of walking 18 holes was too

much to bear. He had to walk 36 on Sunday after rain washed out play Friday.

"I almost didn't come," said Jacobson, who played his third senior event. "I came to St. Louis. Boy, am I glad I did."

It was the first time the field in a Champions Tour event played 36 holes in one day. Unlike for regular senior events, carts aren't allowed in the five majors.

Kite fell apart at the end, closing a bogey-bogey-par-double bogey. With daughter Stephanie as his caddy, Kite shot a morning round of 6-under 65 that gave him a two-stroke lead. He ended up two strokes behind Jacobson.

Federer breaks Roddick to stretch streak to 23

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Roger Federer won his third straight title Sunday, beating Andy Roddick 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the \$2.5 million Tennis Masters Canada.

The top-ranked Federer, who won his eighth event of the year, extended his winning streak to 23 matches and improved his career record against the No. 2-ranked Roddick to 7-1.

"Andy, I'm sorry you didn't win another final," Federer said. "But in the future I'm sure we'll play many, many more great matches and you'll get your fair share of them."

Roddick defeated Federer in the semifinals of this event last year and went on to win the tournament. Since then, Roddick is 0-3 against Federer, including a



Roger Federer defeated Andy Roddick 7-5, 6-3 to win his 23rd straight match on Sunday.

four-set loss in the final at Wimbledon.

"I'd like to congratulate Roger," Roddick said. "You're certainly becoming very annoying."

Federer was the more solid of the two before a sun-drenched

sellout crowd of 12,000. Roddick often went to the net, attempting to dictate the match, but was often thwarted by solid returns or passing shots.

"I thought I played the big points pretty well," Roddick said. "He just made great shots."

Federer's 23-match winning streak is the longest since Pete Sampras' 24 straight in 1999.

The match marked the first time since Andre Agassi defeated Sampras in 1995 that the top two seeds in this event met in the final. Roddick was trying to become the first repeat champion since Agassi nine years ago.

Federer got a service break in the 12th game and took the first set. After gaining the advantage with a stellar backhand that handcuffed Roddick at the net, Federer captured the victory when Roddick's forehand went long. Roddick hurled his racket into the nearby photographer's pit in frustration. It marked just the second

time in the tournament that Roddick's service was broken.

Federer took control of the match in the second set with another service break to go ahead 5-3.

Davenport earns Calif. slam

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Three weeks, three titles for Lindsay Davenport.

Davenport defeated French Open champion Anastasia Myskina 6-1, 6-1 in the Acra Classic final Sunday, extending her winning streak to 14 matches.

She also completed a California slam for the second time in her career, equalling her feat of 1998, when she won hardcourt tournaments at Stanford, Carlsbad and Los Angeles before winning her first U.S. Open title.

"I feel like I totally deserve everything that's happened to me," she said. "I've proven a lot to myself the last three weeks."

This summer, her three-title run at Stanford, Carson and Carlsbad included victories over Venus Williams (twice) and Serena Williams (once) — her first over the sisters in four years.

Davenport needed just 45 minutes to dismantle Myskina was visibly tired from her 6-2, 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (11-5) semifinal victory over 12th-seeded Vera Zvonareva 12 hours earlier. She managed just two break points against Davenport's big serve and committed 16 unforced errors.

The 32-point tiebreaker was the longest third-set tiebreaker in WTA Tour singles history, bettering Elena Dementieva's 30-point tiebreaker victory over Anne Kremer in the fourth round at Miami in 2002.

Tennis roundup



Buddy Rice crosses the finish line. 0.796 seconds ahead of Tony Kanaan to win the Michigan Indy 400 at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday. Kanaan leads Rice by 54 points in the IRL season standings.

Rice edges Kanaan in IRL duel

BY TIM MARTIN
The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Buddy Rice made the right decision — again.

Racing to his third IndyCar victory of the year, the Rahal Letterman Racing driver made a late charge to edge Tony Kanaan by 0.796 seconds in the Michigan Indy 400.

Both drivers said the key was guessing how much fuel the other had left in the waning moments of the 200-lap race Sunday.

"We knew it was going to be a long race," Rice said. "We knew it was going to be a mental race. ... It came down to a bit of a fuel race. We obviously had saved more than he had."

Kanaan — who had led the race for 183 laps before chasing Rice for the last 10 — wasn't happy with how the final laps went down.

The Andretti Green Racing driver said late-race strategy might have cost the team a victory. He said he was advised to stop fighting Rice when he first attempted his pass, implying his team felt Rice might run out of gas or falter before finishing.

"It doesn't make me very happy," Kanaan said. "I am not going to point fingers. I'm a team player. I think I'm part of that, too. Today we were not very smart. The other team was smarter than us."

Rice's average speed — 182.123 mph — was the fourth-fastest in IndyCar history.

Rice has won three of the IRL's 10 races this season. But he still trails Kanaan in the points standings with six races to go.

Kanaan has 400 points, 57 more than Rice. Kanaan has three wins this season. He has finished in the top five nine times and in the top 10 in every race.

Dan Wheldon, Kanaan's Andretti teammate, finished third, 3.63 seconds off the pace.

Sam Hornish Jr. was fourth, followed by Vitor Meira.

The race was safer for drivers than crew members.

Tomas Scheckter's car hit mechanic Steve Naminak on a pit stop early in the race. Scheckter swerved to avoid Tora Takagi, who was leaving pit lane as Scheckter entered. Naminak wound up with a broken leg.

A Wheldon crew member, Mike Horvath, was tripped by Meira's car but was not seriously injured. Meira's car bumped into Horvath when it was struck from behind by Adrian Fernandez.

In the race, Fernandez might have cost himself a high finish when he spun into his pit. He sent Rhodri Griffiths, a crew member for Kosuke Matsuura, tumbling. Griffiths was not seriously hurt.

European exhibitions on tap for Team USA

The Associated Press

COLOGNE, Germany — Larry Brown wants to move on.

The U.S. Olympic basketball coach said Sunday that the suspension of Allen Iverson, LeBron James and Amare Stoudemire is forgotten. He would rather focus on a tough road trip against some of Europe's top teams leading up to the Athens Olympics.

Brown refused to let Iverson, James and Stoudemire play in the team's 96-71 win over Puerto Rico on Saturday, punishment for the trio showing up late for a team meeting.

"It won't happen again. They'll play the next game and some will start," Brown said.

The U.S. squad arrived in Germany on Sunday, shook off the jet lag and held its first practice.

And Brown is having some second thoughts about whether this series of exhibitions, which includes games against world champion Serbia and Montenegro, is ideal for his team.

This is the youngest U.S. Olympic team, with an average age of 23.6 years, since NBA players were first allowed into the 1992 Games.

"We thought we had laid the foundation," Brown said. "Now I think maybe we can use the practice."

The U.S. team faces Italy on Tuesday, followed by Germany and Dirk Nowitzki on Wednesday. Then it plays two more away games against Serbia and Montenegro and Turkey, whose NBA players include Utah's Mehmet Okur.

U.S. women's soccer team hosts China in Olympic tournament
EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Mia Hamm had a goal and two as-

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sists to lead the U.S. women's soccer team to a 3-1 victory over China Sunday in the final warm-up before the Athens Olympics. Abby Wambach assisted on Hamm's goal and scored her own. Aly Wagner opened the scoring before a crowd of 15,093 at Rentschler Field.

The United States is 14-8-10 all-time team record at China, including the gold-medal match at the 1996 Olympics and 1999 World Cup final.

The United States and China leave for Greece on Monday.

"I think we're ready," said Wambach, who has scored 14 goals this year and 28 overall in just 40 matches with the national team.

"I think everybody here knows that we're ready."

Charges against Miami's Rolle dropped

MIAMI — Miami comeback Antel Rolle won't be tried for allegedly striking a police officer and will be reinstated to the team.

Assistant State Attorney Michael Grieco said Monday that while the arrest was "valid," Rolle's "post-arrest correction and lack of criminal history" led to the decision to drop the case. The physical contact between Rolle and the officer was "merely incidental," Grieco said.

According to a police complaint, Rolle was involved in a fight in a street near campus earlier this month and resisted arrest.

University spokesman Rick Korch said Monday that Rolle will be reinstated, though he was not sure when.

Pocono: Mayfield closing in on pack

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"It wouldn't surprise me if we went on and won the whole thing," said Mayfield, who finished ninth for his third straight top-10 finish.

Martin's second-place finish was his 18th top-five and 25th top-10 in 36 races at Pocono and kept him in contention after proclaiming himself eliminated at the same track seven weeks ago.

"That fact is a miracle," Martin said. "Now can we make it to the top 10? We all need to go win the Brickyard. That would make up for all the heartbreak we experienced this year."

For Johnson, losing out on a potential first points title would be heartbreaking.

Under the old points system, Johnson probably could have cruised toward his first career points title. Instead, he'll be lumped with the rest of the drivers in the top 10 to compete for the championship in the last 10 races of the season.

"I just have to deal with the rules the way they are and race as hard as we can every week," Johnson said.

Johnson started 14th and



Jimmie Johnson celebrates after winning his fourth race at the season Sunday at Pocono.

earned a \$90,000 bonus from NASCAR for winning the race as the points leader. He's the first points leader to win in Pocono since Gordon in 1998.

With rain wiping out a practice session Saturday and shortening one Friday, qualifying was the only significant time for teams on the track before the race. Several

drivers, including Gordon and Newman, complained their cars were too tight early in the race.

They probably would have all needed a near-flawless performance anyway to catch Johnson, who had his 12th top-10 finish in the last 14 races.

Still battling injuries from a fiery wreck, Earnhardt needed a relief driver for the second straight week. He gave way to John Andretti after completing 52 laps.

Andretti made another quick pit stop to readjust, but finished 25th after the car was black-flagged by NASCAR for not maintaining the minimum speed.

Johnson dominated almost from the start, taking the lead for the first time on lap 32. He led 124 laps and broke a recent trend at Pocono that saw 11 of the last 14 races won from a top-five starting position.

Not everything was perfect, though. Whoever said victory was sweet, wasn't swigging Johnson's post-race champagne identified only with a Pennsylvania 500 label.

"It's not the tastiest of champagnes, but it will do in a pinch," he said.

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Unforgettable debut for Boston's Cabrera

Game-turning error erases glory of homer; Twins drop Red Sox 9½ games back of N.Y.

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Orlando Cabrera made a powerful first impression with the Boston Red Sox. The day took a bad turn for the team's new shortstop just a few hours — and a crucial error — later.

Cabrera, replacing longtime star Nomar Garciaparra, homered in his first at-bat in his Boston debut, but his error in the eighth inning allowed the go-ahead run to score in the Minnesota Twins' 4-3 victory on Sunday.

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Cabrera was acquired from Montreal in a four-team deal that sent Garciaparra to the Chicago Cubs just before the trade deadline Saturday.

"It could have been played better, but we're dealing with a guy who's been here for an hour," manager Terry Francona said. "It's impossible to go over everything in an hour."

With Minnesota trailing 3-2 in the eighth, Cristian Guzman and Lew Ford singled off Mike Timlin (4-4), then advanced on a double steal with Justin Morneau at the plate.

Morneau hit a 3-2 pitch from Alan Embree to deep center field, where Gabe Kapler hauled it in. Guzman easily scored the tying run on the sacrifice fly, and Ford scampered home when the Gold Glove shortstop kicked Kapler's relay throw across the infield for an error.

Kapler actually overthrew his first relay man, second baseman Mark Bellhorn, but Cabrera — who joined the team during batting practice Sunday morning — didn't realize that a secondary cutoff man — first baseman David McCarty — was in line to retrieve the errant throw.

"I was thinking he was trying to score," Cabrera said. "We missed the cut and I saw the play as a loose ball. I went after it, and didn't see [McCarty] behind me. I kicked it with my left foot and it got away."

Cabrera started the scoring by jumping on a hanging slider from Johan Santana and lining a solo homer. He's the eighth player to homer in his first plate appearance with the Red Sox.

Santana (10-6) fanned 12, one more than Pedro Martinez, who left after seven innings with a 3-2 lead. Santana allowed three runs in eight innings.

"They were making some balls do a lot of funny things up there," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "You'd see hitters looking away and rolling their eyes — that's what pitching's all about."

Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his 30th save in 31 opportunities.

Manny Ramirez homered for the Red Sox, who fell 9½ games behind the



Texas Rangers trainer Jamie Reed applies a cool towel to home plate umpire Tim Timmons as second base umpire Mike Winters looks on in the fourth inning of Sunday's game against Oakland. The game-time temperature was 95 degrees.



Shingo Takatsu closes out a 6-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers that ended the Chicago White Sox's seven-game losing streak. Takatsu earned his ninth save of the season.

first-place New York Yankees in the AL East. The AL Central-leading Twins won for the 10th time in 12 games.

Yankees 9, Orioles 7: Alex Rodriguez homered for the third straight day and Hideki Matsui keyed a five-run fourth with a two-run double for the host Yankees. Tony Clark hit a two-run homer in the fourth off Rodrigo Lopez (8-7) and Kenny Lofton also connected as the Yankees beat the Orioles for the 11th time in 13 games.

Orlando Hernandez (3-0) allowed nine hits and struck out nine in five innings, and Mariano Rivera got three outs for his major league-leading 37th save.

Athletics 4, Rangers 1: Mark Redman pitched seven innings, Eric Chavez homered and Oakland increased its AL West lead over slumping Texas to 1½ games.

Redman (8-8) gave up one run and six hits for the A's, who took three out of four in the series and have won eight of their last nine. The host Rangers have dropped seven of their last nine.

Angels 3, Mariners 2: Bartolo Colon won his fifth straight start and Robb Quinlan homered and doubled in the go-ahead run for the Angels.

Colon (10-8) allowed two runs and eight hits in six innings, keeping the Angels 2½ games behind Oakland in the AL West and sending the Mariners to their 18th loss in 19 road games.

White Sox 6, Tigers 4: Ben Davis and Aaron Rowand homered and Freddy Garcia (9-9) pitched into the eighth inning to help Chicago snap its season-high seven-game losing streak.

Rowand and Paul Konerko each had three of the 14 hits for the visiting White Sox, whose last win was July 24 against the Tigers.

Tigers starter Jeremy Bonderman (6-8) was hit in the left leg by Jose Valentin's liner in the second inning and left the game. X-rays were negative, but Bonderman has a bruised left shin.

Devil Rays 5, Blue Jays 3: Devon Brazelton (4-3) gave up one run and three hits in 6½ innings and Aubrey Huff hit a two-run homer.

Royals 8, Indians 7: John Buck's three-run homer capped a fourth-run inning for the homesteading Royals. C.C. Sabathia (7-6) lasted five innings and gave up a season-high seven runs and nine hits.

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MIAMI — Montreal Expos right-hander Zach Day will be sidelined four to six weeks after breaking a bone in his right middle finger while attempting a hunt in Sunday's game against the Florida Marlins that was eventually rained out.

Day, attempting to bunt in the third inning, was hit on the hand and fouled the ball off. He struck out in the at-bat, but didn't return to pitch in the bottom half of the inning. Day was examined in the Expos' clubhouse, and it was determined that he broke his finger.

He will be placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday.

"The ball was riding up and in and caught me on the finger," Day said. "It was numb right away, and I lost feeling. When it stayed numb, they pulled the trig-



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ger on me for the day. It's a tough one, but it's been that kind of year."

It's a continuing trend of bad luck for Day (5-10), who entered with the least run-support — 2.47 run per game — of any starting pitcher in the majors. He also missed two starts in July with right shoulder tendinitis.

"This is definitely a bummer," he said. "It's something you don't want to go through. I can't do anything for three to four weeks, and we'll take it from there."

Boston's Ortiz drops appeal, begins serving suspension

MINNEAPOLIS — Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz dropped

his appeal and began serving a five-game suspension Sunday.

Ortiz was suspended by the commissioner's office for throwing bats onto the field after he was ejected from a game July 16 at Anaheim.

Ortiz will be eligible to return for Saturday's game at Detroit. He entered Sunday tied for the AL lead with 27 home runs and was second in the league with 93 RBIs.

Upton called up by Devil Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays called up shortstop B.J. Upton from Triple-A Durham on Sunday.

The Devil Rays' first round draft pick in 2002, Upton hit .311 with 12 homers and 36 RBIs in 69 games with Durham. He started the season at Double-A Montgomery.

Williams, Cardinals get better of Giants

Ex-reliever gets 100th victory in a duel with ace Jason Schmidt

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SAN FRANCISCO — As a 37-year-old pitcher excelling in a young man's game, Woody Williams knows most numbers mean little. Still, his 100th victory was cause for celebration — particularly after besting Jason Schmidt and Barry Bonds to get it.

Williams worked 6½ innings for his fifth straight victory and Scott Rolen's first-inning homer stood up in the St. Louis Cardinals' 6-1 defeat of the San Francisco Giants on Sunday night.

Williams and Schmidt each entered the game with 99 victories, but Williams got to triple digits first by retiring the final 12 hitters he faced while nursing a one-run lead.

Williams (8-6) allowed five hits and two walks, even getting Bonds three times. When his teammates tacked on four late runs — the bullpen flamboyantly finished, Williams had a highlight in his late-blooming career.

"I never thought I'd be around long enough to win 100 games with the way things started out and where I've been from," said Williams, a former reliever who



St. Louis' Albert Pujols singles in a run in the ninth inning on Sunday in a 6-1 victory over San Francisco.

didn't become a full-time starter until 1997 in Toronto. "For this to come against probably the best pitcher in the game, it's pretty special."

The right-hander needed 12 seasons to get his 100th victory, while the 31-year-old Schmidt already is in his 10th season.

Williams has blossomed in his mid-30s, gaining 49 victories in the last four seasons.

"It's just a number, but I'm very happy, no doubt about it," Williams said.

It was Williams' first victory over the Giants in four years.

The rest of the Cardinals knew the importance of the moment — and doused the pitcher with water after the game.

"It's hard to win one game in this league," manager Tony La Russa said. "To get one, that's a

magic number, especially to do it against a guy like Schmidt."

Williams threw 11 pitches in an entertaining fifth-inning matchup against Bonds, who sent a foul ball soaring into McCovey Cove before flying out to deep right.

Schmidt couldn't overcome his early mistake to Rolen, who hit a two-run shot on the first pitch he saw. St. Louis added four runs against San Francisco's bullpen.

Schmidt (13-4) struck out 10 in seven innings, allowing six hits and two walks in losing his second straight start at home.

Mike Matheny and Albert Pujols added run-scoring singles for St. Louis, which has won each of Williams' last nine starts. Four months into their best season since 1968, the Cardinals took two of three from San Francisco to split the season series at three games apiece.

Schmidt threw 128 pitches, retiring nine straight at one point — but in the first inning, Rolen hit a belt-high pitch more than 400 feet to center. It was the All-Star's 25th homer of the season and second in two days.

"It was just two bad pitches," Schmidt said. "Those are the two I want back. I got burned on them. I was overthinking. It was just bad timing on my part."

Schmidt's next start is expected to be Saturday, when Chicago's Greg Maddux will go for his 300th victory in San Francisco.

Ray Durham singled home Neftali Perez in the second for the Giants' only run. San Francisco scored just once in the final 17 innings of the three-game series.

Bonds put another foul ball into the water in the eighth, but Ray King got him on a grounder to complete 1-1/2 perfect innings.

The Cardinals issued no intentional walks to Bonds in the game. When asked his strategy, La Russa quoted San Francisco manager Felipe Alou.

"When he (Alou) was with Montreal, he said, 'We're here to be competitors, not cowards,' La Russa said. "In the right situation, we would have walked him."

Maddux one inning shy of 300th win

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CHICAGO — Greg Maddux has pitched 4,110 innings in earning 299 victories. One more inning would have given him No. 300.

Nomar Garciaparra and the Chicago Cubs rallied to take the lead just an inning after Maddux came out, so he wound up with a no-decision in Chicago's 6-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday.

"I'm just glad we won," Maddux said. "I never, but everybody at Wrigley Field wanted to see him win."

The 38-year-old right-hander is trying to become the 22nd major league pitcher to reach 300 — and the first National League since Philadelphia's Steve Carlton in 1983. Roger Clemens accomplished the feat on his fourth try with the New York Yankees last season.

Maddux's next chance probably will come Saturday in San Francisco against Barry Bonds and the Giants.

"I think we were all hoping we'd get Maddux that win," said Garciaparra, Chicago's new star shortstop.

Commissioner Bud Selig, Atlanta General Manager John Schuerholz and former Braves president Stan Kasten were at Wrigley Field to watch Maddux.

On a sticky, 83-degree day, Maddux left after six innings trailing 3-2. He threw 87 pitches, including 25 in the first inning when he gave up four homers to Jimmy Rollins and Bobby Abreu.

Philadelphia pushed across an unearned run for a 3-2 lead in the fifth on an error by Sammy Sosa.

Maddux told manager Dusty Baker after the fifth that he was running low on energy. And he wasn't about to take a chance

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pitching when he had nothing left, even with No. 300 at stake.

"I would have loved to go out there and try to talk somebody and just hope they would hit it at somebody. But it's not right," Maddux said. "It's not fair to the rest of the guys. It's not the way you are supposed to play the game."

Sosa and Aramis Ramirez hit consecutive homers off Randy Wolf (4-7). It was Sosa's 562nd homer, leaving him one behind Reggie Jackson for eighth on the career list. Sandwiched around his error, Sosa also made two diving catches.

Garciaparra capped the four-run rally with an RBI single in the seventh, his first hit for the Cubs. He finished 1-for-4, batting second in the lineup after being acquired from Boston in a blockbuster four-team deal just before baseball's trade deadline Saturday.

Kent Mercker (2-0) got one out and Lary Hawkin capped his 16th save.

Dodgers 2, Padres 1 (12): Pinch-hitter Robin Ventura homered off Ricky Stone (1-2) with two outs in the 12th.

Steve Finley went 2-for-5 with a double and scored a run in his first start for the visiting Dodgers since being acquired from Arizona moments before the trade deadline. Finley started in center, with Milton Bradley moving to right.

Los Angeles took two of three from San Diego, extending its NL West lead over the Padres to 3½ games.

Eric Gagne (4-0) pitched three scoreless innings for the victory. It was his first time he pitched more than two innings since he

became the team's closer in 2002. Darren Dreifort got three outs for his first save since Sept. 15, 1997. Khalil Fiedt fled out to the warning track with a runner on to end it.

Braves 6, Mets 5: Andrew Jones homered and drove in four runs off former teammate Tom Glavine, and the host Braves held on to complete a three-game sweep. Atlanta won its fifth straight to move a season-high 12 games over .500.

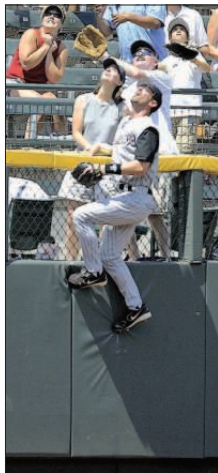
Glavine (8-9) lost for the sixth time in eight starts and fell to 1-5 against the Braves, for whom he played the first 16 seasons of his career. Paul Byrd (3-3) threw five hitless innings before faltering in the sixth with a 6-0 lead. John Smoltz got his 25th save.

David Wright and Cliff Floyd homered for the Mets.

Astros 7, Reds 5: Adam Everett's eighth-inning suicide squeeze drove in the go-ahead run, and Roy Oswalt (11-8) improved to 9-0 lifetime against the host Reds. Morgan Ensberg had three RBIs for Houston, sending Cincinnati to its 10th loss in 11 games.

Rockies 10, Diamondbacks 2: Jeromy Burnitz hit two two-run homers and Aaron Cook (6-4) pitched a complete game to help Colorado complete a three-game sweep. Vinny Castilla, Todd Helton and Aaron Miles also homered for the Rockies, dropping Arizona to 2-19 in its last 21 games.

Brewers 8, Pirates 7: Bill Hall singled with the bases loaded in the ninth and Geoff Jenkins homered to prevent the homestranding Brewers from falling into last place in the NL Central.



Arizona's Luis Gonzalez and several fans are intent on catching Todd Helton's home run to left field during Sunday's game.

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Johnson pours it on



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Nextel Cup points leader Jimmie Johnson, left, celebrates his victory in the Pennsylvania 500, Sunday at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa.

Nextel Cup points leader cruises to Pocono sweep

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LONG POND, Pa. — Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart crashed.

Kurt Busch had transmission woes. Dale Earnhardt Jr. fought pain and an unruly car.

One by one, drivers in the top 10 in the Nextel Cup standings dropped out Sunday at Pocono Raceway, guaranteeing heated jostling for positions in the next six races.

There were changes everywhere in the standings but the top.

Jimmie Johnson pulled off a clean sweep at Pocono Raceway, winning the Pennsylvania 500 on Sunday for his fourth victory of the season.

"I think we can win more races and be a serious threat for the championship at the end of the year," Johnson said. "A little luck will play in those final 10, but if it comes down to performance, I'll put my guys up against anybody."

Johnson said there was little use complaining about NASCAR's new points system that will leave him fighting for a championship instead of celebrating one near season's end. He figures the only solution is to keep winning races.



"You might want to get all your smiles and good photos out of us now, because with 10 to go, it won't be the same," Johnson said.

The "Chase for the Cup" begins at New Hampshire International Speedway on Sept. 19.

Mark Martin was second, 2.138 seconds back. Kasey Kahne was third, followed by Greg Biffle and Jeff Gordon.

While Johnson cruised, many in the top 10 struggled, with Stewart, Kevin Harvick, Labonte and Busch all failing to finish, and Ryan Newman ending up 13th.

Nine spots in the top 10 jumbled names. Harvick fell from ninth overall to 10th after failing to finish a race for the first time since October 2002 in Atlanta. Labonte dropped from seventh to ninth overall, while Newman jumped from 10th to eighth.

Newman has a 52-point cushion on 10th place. It was those fighting for the 10th and final spot that made the most progress.

Jeremy Mayfield went from being 106 points behind No. 10 to 40 points back. Kahne jumped from 162 points behind to 69 and Martin from 192 to 89 out.

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Jockeying for position

How the drivers battling for the final spots in NASCAR's Chase for the Cup fared this week. Ten drivers will qualify for the 10-race shoot-out, which begins Sept. 19:



Ryan Newman

Solid 13th-place finish Sunday moved him off the 10th-place bubble and into the eighth spot.



Bobby Labonte

Collision with Brian Vickers ended his day with 25 laps to go and dropped him to ninth place in the points standings.



Kevin Harvick

Sits on bubble in 10th place after failing to finish for first time in 2004. Harvick's engine failed after 141 laps Sunday.



Jeremy Mayfield

Still in 11th, but much closer to Harvick and the final Chase spot after strong ninth-place finish at Pocono.



Kasey Kahne

Rookie jumped two spots to 12th after finishing third Sunday. His sixth top-three finish of the season.



Mark Martin

Veteran finished second, could sneak into title picture if late-season surge continues this weekend in Brickyard 400.



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